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THE BLACK EXPLOSION

IS CYRILLE REGIS ONE OF
THE BLACK PLAYERS DESTINED TO
PLAY FOR ENGLAND AT FULL LEVEL?

BRIAN KIDD
(Man. City)





Four players involved in F.A. Cup Semi-Finals on Saturday, April 8th, give their reasons why they each expect their particular club to reach Wembley

FIGHTING FOR

IPSWICH v WEST BROMWICH ALBION, Highbury

'WINNERS WILL LIFT CUP'

Paul Mariner (Ipswich)

I CAN'T see anybody else but Albion or ourselves lifting the Cup. But before Wembley, this game has to be got out of the way — and like any Semi-Final, can go either way.

Whatever happens at Highbury, it is unlikely there will be a repetition of the violence that erupted at The Den, where Ipswich met Millwall in the Sixth Round.

When the referee stopped the game, and the players went off before half-time, our manager Bobby Robson, told us not to lose our concentration. We didn't, and on the resumption, went on to eventually win well.

The injury bogey has been with us all season, starting early on when we were in Holland and had seven men injured. Some of our poor results in the League have been due to key players being out of action with knocks, which is why winning the F.A. Cup is important to us.

During the last two seasons, League matches between Ipswich and West Bromwich have brought plenty of goals. They got four against us at The Hawthorns last term and we hit seven against them in the return, and more recently they have beaten us 1-0, with another game ending in a 2-2 draw.

But in spite of some previous high scorelines, I believe the Semi-Final meeting of Albion and Ipswich could be a match dominated by tight defences.

The side that scores first could win the tie, because both teams have defenders who can close up a game. Of course, anything can happen in a Cup-tie, particularly at this stage, where the players are close to Wembley.



But once a goal is scored, the team who takes the lead will be determined to hang on to it. Albion have John Wile in their back-four, to make it difficult for us, though I enjoy playing against him, and the exchanges between us are always clean.

And Mick Mills makes a terrific job of marshalling our defence. Certainly, neither back-four can afford to give anything away, and we know they've got a great match-winner in Willie Johnston.

For our part, Clive Woods and I will be all out to give the West Bromwich defence a busy afternoon. It is my first F.A. Cup Semi-Final, and one I want to look back on with satisfaction.

In addition to the satisfaction that a win over West Bromwich would bring, the F.A. Cup is the only chance Ipswich have of qualifying for Europe.

Albion are a team I think can still finish in the top six, so they have the Cup and the League as possible passports to playing abroad next season. Here at Ipswich, the Cup is our only opportunity, and we intend to make the most of it.



Nottingham Forest's Kenny Burns (right) clears his lines during West Brom's 2-0 Quarter-Final win.

'ALBION TO WIN A FIVE-GOAL THRILLER'

John Wile (West Brom)

IN THE Cup-tie against Nottingham Forest I had the feeling we were going to win it — normally, I'm reasonably confident, but for the Forest game I somehow knew things would go really right for us. And what I want now, is to experience a similar feeling in the Semi-Final.

This will be my first-ever Semi. Getting where we are has not been easy, as we've had to eliminate sides such as Blackpool, Manchester United, Derby County and Nottingham Forest. And I know it won't be easy against Ipswich.

They have players like Clive Woods, Paul Mariner and Trevor Whymark up-front. They all need to be watched, and none of them are afraid to have a crack at goal. As a matter of fact, many of Town's goals are scored from outside the penalty-area.

And we have Cyrille Regis, John Trewick and Willie Johnston, three players who can all have an impact on a match.

Mick Mills, Allan Hunter and the others keep Ipswich tight at the back, and Brian Talbot helps to ensure their midfield operates effectively. But from our recent meetings with Town, we learned to know what to expect from them, although they may come up with additional ideas at Highbury.

We have more height at the back than we used to, and this is useful in dead-ball situations — for example, when we are awarded a free-kick. Then we've Ally Brown in midfield, doing his stuff, and summing up the two teams all-round we are closely matched on paper.

And both have incentives. Ipswich have been freely tipped in



recent years to lift a trophy, and ironically enough, have reached this stage in the Cup without playing tremendously well. But we know they are a good side who must be respected.

As for West Bromwich, I haven't given up hope we can still finish in the top six in the League which would get us into Europe. But the F.A. Cup offers us an extra chance of doing this, so we have every reason to want to reach Wembley.

It was in the Quarter-Finals Forest really impressed me, when they were behind but refused to give up. In this they showed their character, and that of their manager, Brian Clough, and stamped themselves as a team fit to be at the top of the table.

I don't think anything can beat the glamour of a Cup Final at Wembley. The title medal is a real professional medal, but my ambition is to beat Ipswich and go on from there.

Some games which are predicted as certain to be exciting, are often a let-down — but I'm sure our Semi-Final with Ipswich will be notable for excitement and attacking football. There could be five goals scored — with West Bromwich notching the odd one to take them through.



Ipswich Town (white shirts) took Millwall to the cleaners in the Quarter-Finals and beat them 6-1 at The Den.

PLACES IN THE FINAL

ARSENAL v ORIENT, Stamford Bridge

'ORIENT WILL GIVE US A HARD FIGHT'

Pat Rice (Arsenal)

THERE'S no way we're going to approach this game with the attitude of us Gunners easily beating Second Division Orient and reaching the Final of the F.A. Cup.

We know we've a hard fight on our hands.

I went along to Brisbane Road for their replay against Middlesbrough in the previous round and thought they were a very commanding outfit. They thoroughly deserved their win.

We cannot underestimate any side that has reached this stage in the competition, even though Orient are from a lower Division.

I remember the last time we were in opposition with the East London side. It was in the 1971-72 season, and funnily enough, it was also an F.A. Cup-tie. They were in tremendous form that afternoon, hitting the woodwork on three occasions.

For the first 25 minutes or so we were very lucky to survive after constant attacking pressure. The only goal came from former skipper Alan Ball and secured us a place in the Semi-Finals.

In the previous round of this term's tournament, we travelled to North Wales to play Third Division promotion chasers Wrexham. I have to admit, it was one of the hardest games I've ever been involved in.

A few of my team-mates, particularly the younger players, have been an enormous success this season.

Players like David Price and Graham Rix have all gained experience from already playing in one Semi-Final against Liverpool in the League Cup. I myself don't like labelling them as youngsters. All they require are a dozen games under their belt, and they've got enough knowledge to cope with any problems.

Players like them have really grown in stature, although they are still learning their trade.



Going back to the Orient tie. It depends on the day. If we can play as well as we know we can, I can't see no reason why we shouldn't reach the Final.

The O's have already beaten three First Division sides in Boro, Norwich and Chelsea, so it's pretty obvious they are going to pose us with some problems on Saturday.

They have a very impressive front three. Peter Kitchen, whose record speaks for itself, can score from any angle.

His partner, Joe Mayo is very good at laying the ball off and Kevin Godfrey on the wing is a very fast player, indeed.

We'll also have to keep a careful eye on midfielder Tony Grealish, who can pack a powerful shot. So you can see, there's no shortage of quality and experience.

Another member of the Orient line-up who has been in tremendous form is 'keeper John Jackson. He's been consistent all through the competition and has been one of the reasons for The O's achievements this term.

I haven't predicted a scoreline at any stage so far, so I'm not going to break the habit now!

But, it's nice to know at least one London club are going to Wembley on May 6th.

It would be terrific if we are that club.

Wrexham (dark shirts) provided Arsenal with stern opposition. The Gunners eventually won 3-2.



'DON'T UNDERESTIMATE US'

Peter Kitchen (Orient)

IHAVE a word of warning for the aristocrats of Arsenal — don't underestimate us. Because if you do you'll pay for it.

I believe that was the mistake Middlesbrough made in the previous round.

They came to Brisbane Road for the replay convinced our result at Boro, the previous Saturday, was a fluke and all they had to do was turn up and they would be meeting The Gunners in the Semi-Finals.

But, as they found out, we thoroughly deserved our 2-1 win against the First Division outfit. We attacked them from the start and within the first 15 minutes of the game we were 2-0 up.

Once again, I scored. I think Phil Hoadley played the ball through to me just outside the penalty-area. I lifted the ball and hit it over my head and turned round just in time to see the ball strike a post and nestle in the back of the net.

I couldn't begin to explain the feeling I felt when I realised the ball had beaten the Middlesbrough goalkeeper.

And then Joe Mayo scored with a speculative shot that deceived Jim Platt and bounced over the goal-line.

Our manager Jimmy Bloomfield, will be just as eager that we get the right result against the Highbury club. Because he is a former Arsenal player.

Another star who will be pulling out all the stops will be our defender Glenn Roeder. He was discarded as a youngster by the North London club and was allowed to go to Orient. Talking about Glenn may I say in all our Cup-ties he has been magnificent. As all the players have been.

It's the same with my striker up-front Joe Mayo. He is very underrated and gets through a lot of running. He creates so many openings for me that it is hard NOT to score with him in the side.

Back to Saturday, and I think Orient have a great chance of reaching Wembley. We have been written off so many times this season I am hoping the same will happen for our Cup Semi-Final clash.

I think even the F.A. jumped the gun when they named Villa Park as the venue before our Quarter-Final replay. I am sure they thought Middlesbrough would scrape in. How wrong can you be!

Now the game is at Stamford Bridge, it will give our real supporters a chance to be there. I'm hoping the Chelsea fans, who have no



game that day, will also be there to cheer us on.

Our defence will have to keep a close watch on their strike force of Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton but it is in midfield where The Gunners have impressed me.

Up-front you are only as good as the service you receive from the middle of the park. Liam Brady, David Price, Graham Rix and Alan Hudson are talented players and create a lot of openings for the front runners.

While I am anticipating a hard game on Saturday, I have a very strong feeling little Orient are going to cause yet another F.A. Cup upset by beating the favourites Arsenal. We'll win 2-1!



Peter Kitchen is buried by his Orient team-mates after scoring their first v. Boro in the replay.

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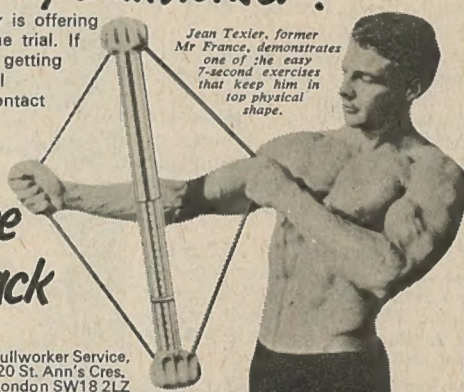
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ONE drawback to being a SHOOT columnist is the difficulty in finding the time to deal with the increased fanmail. However, I do find many letters have the same theme, and so, by selecting a representative one, and answering it, I can satisfy several readers at once.

The England friendly with West Germany in Munich resulted in many letters, and one, from John Barton of Birmingham, was typical for it posed a relevant question: "As West Germany struggled to beat England — luck was on their side, in fact — do you regard their chances of retaining the World Cup in Argentina as slim?"

Frankly, no, John. Admittedly, they were not as good a team as when they narrowly lost to Czechoslovakia in the European Championship Final in 1976, but they possess a quality that could ensure they do well down Argentina way in June — patience!

Unlike less-experienced, less-talented teams, they kept their cool after Pancho Pearson put us ahead with a well-directed header in the first-half, did not throw four or five men into attack and run the risk of leaving gaps in their defence as a result.

They continued to knock the ball around, attempt to keep possession and bide their time, waiting for a goal-chance. Just as they did in that final with Czechoslovakia, when they concentrated on pegging back goals and finished level at full-time, only to lose on penalties.

In the final ten minutes against us, their tolerant tactics paid off. The centre-forward played a one-two with another player and then released a pass to substitute Ronnie Worm, on the left-wing. He ran on and, as most readers saw on TV, scored against me.

I was informed afterwards that on the small screen it looked as though I was at fault for not making a save. In self-defence, I would like to point out viewers could not see a second German coming in squarely at me.

Out of the corner of my eye I glimpsed his white shirt as I prepared to deflect the ball past the far

'WEST GOOD

post. Fearing he would intercept, I tried to knock the ball down so I could catch it on the rebound, but instead only succeeded in slowing down its path into the net.

I had no chance of saving their second goal, scored by Rainer Bonhof.

Their players who impressed me were Bonhof, who tended to spoil his game by following Kevin Keegan around; Flohe, who went off injured; and Worm, a "super-sub" who also came on and scored against the England B side the previous evening.

But overall what struck me most forcibly was the Germans' excellent team-work. With the inclusion of Klaus Fischer, absent against us through injury, in Argentina — a player who has a high ratio of goals per game — they stand a good chance of becoming the first European side to win the World Cup in South America.

Alan Wells, who lives near Mold, North Wales — obviously a former neighbour of Kevin Keegan — wants to know why so many goalkeepers dive the wrong way when facing penalty-kicks.

Invariably it happens to a 'keeper because he has been instructed to go a certain way by his manager — who has had the kicker watched previously by a member of the backroom staff — and the kicker has decided to change his usual direction.

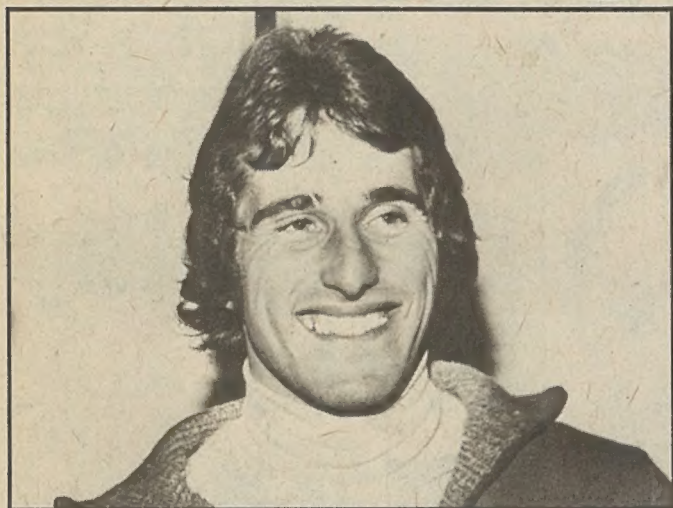


'John Robertson — my Most Exciting Player of the Year'

GERMANY NOT AS AS IN 1976'

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

'Super-sub Worm impressed me'



Top clubs, such as Liverpool, can afford to send someone to observe future opponents and file a report on them, unlike the less-affluent clubs — Scunthorpe United for instance, my previous club.

With them, I had to make up my own mind.

But you must bear in mind, Alan, the odds are stacked against a 'keeper saving from a properly-struck penalty-kick, and if he does so, it's mainly luck he has to thank.

While on the subject of penalties, Justin Musgrove of Camberley, Surrey, wrote to the SHOOT Expert, requesting to know how many penalty conversions Phil Neal, the Liverpool and England left-back, had made in his career so far, and our Expert, stumped, passed the letter on to me.

Penalty-taker

Sorry, Justin, I don't know Phil's record at Northampton, his previous club, but up to the start of this season he had only failed once from the spot. I believe his conversion rate was 20 out of 21, the most vital of which brought our third goal in the European Cup Final in Rome.

After converting against Chelsea this season in the League, he had one kick saved by the acrobatic Jim Blyth of Coventry — playing for a place in Scotland's World Cup side — and hit a post against Leeds.

There's the possibility because Phil has been our penalty-taker for so long — he took over from Kevin Keegan well before Kev left — opponents are getting wise to his technique, and the task may fall on the shoulders of someone else soon.

"How many managers have you played under?" asks Tim Boston, of Dorchester, Dorset.

Four at club level, Tim. At Scunthorpe there was Freddie Goodwin, formerly with Birmingham City, who after 18 months "emigrated" to the U.S.A. to take charge of a club there. He was succeeded by Keith Burkinshaw, who continued to play for us. Keith is now the manager at Spurs, and I'm pleased for him the club looks like rejoining us in the First Division next season. I have a lot of respect and affection for Keith, and look forward to meeting him again.

The legendary — I know everyone uses that word to describe him, but a more suitable one hasn't been coined yet — Bill Shankly brought me to Liverpool, and it's to him I owe my success. Shanks built me up, gave me confidence.

He was followed by our present boss, Bob Paisley, promoted from assistant-manager, another man whose guidance has been invaluable.

My first games for England were under Sir Alf Ramsey. When he left, I served caretaker-manager Joe Mercer, who took us on a close-season European tour in 1974 from which we returned undefeated.

Then there was Don Revie, a man I continue to admire, and present manager Ron Greenwood, who is capable of restoring England to the front rank of the world's soccer nations.

Just space for one more letter — this time from Joanne Martin of Northampton — before I talk about Liverpool's coming matches and the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

Joanne writes: "SHOOT will soon be holding its poll for the Most Exciting Player of the Year. Who will get your vote?"

As I can't nominate one from Liverpool, it's got to be a Forest player, Joanne, and my vote goes to

John Robertson.

If John plays well, his team plays well.

He's a marvel at creating space on the left for his colleagues and, unlike many wingers, has a hard, accurate shot that gets goals.

Full-backs can often afford to allow other wingers to come inside and shoot, in preference to going on the outside and making deadly crosses for other forwards to score from.

They daren't do this with John.

Not as fast as the likes of Davey Fairclough, or Peter Barnes, he more than compensates with acute tactical awareness, close control and, of course, that deadly shot.

This Saturday, Liverpool have the unpleasant task of helping Leicester City on their way down to the Second Division. For although City have succeeded in stopping the goal-glut against them, I can't see them getting a point at Anfield or eventually avoiding the drop.

A spell in the Second need not be a disaster, and could be the beginning of a bright new era for the club, in which it regains First Division status and begins to again compete for top honours.

A few days later we have a return date with Borussia Mönchengladbach, in the second-leg of the European Cup Semi-Finals.

Borussia are no strangers to us, or Anfield, having lost 3-0 there in the 1973 U.E.F.A. Cup competition.

It'll be a thrilling night, one to compare with our game against St.-Etienne last season. Here's hoping we achieve the win that will take us through to the Final at Wembley, where the other Finalists should be Juventus. Another England v Italy clash!

Both F.A. Cup Semi-Finals look worthy of this stage of the competi-

tion.

I rather fancy the Ipswich v. West Brom tie will go to a replay, with the Midlands side winning through to Wembley.

I'm sure the Ipswich lads won't object to my tipping their rivals, because invariably I'm proved wrong.

Arsenal should beat Orient and are my tip to win the Cup.

It makes a change for no North-east side to be involved.

To compensate for going out of the competition in the Third Round, we at Liverpool hoped to win the League Cup for the very first time, and succeeded in reaching the Final against Nottingham Forest.

But after dominating the game at Wembley, which went into extra-time, we failed to score and the following Wednesday took part in the replay at Old Trafford.

Once again we were the better team, but an unfortunate penalty decision against us by referee Pat Partridge, who had a superb game at Wembley, robbed us of the Cup.

John Robertson gave me no chance with a finely-struck kick to the far right-hand corner which I only managed to get my finger-tips to.

We Reds were all sick at the finish, and even the Forest players looked apologetic. All right, so we had failed to score, but so had they, apart from the penalty.

That's all behind us now. No sour grapes. There's always next year!

Sixth Round gates

FOR the first time since the War not one of this season's Sixth Round F.A. Cup attendances reached 40,000. The total of 119,055 was the lowest in that period, previous worst being in 1969-70 (135,119) when all four ties were played on Second Division grounds.

Only five crowds at this stage have been under Millwall's 22,082, thinnest of the lot being Bradford City's 14,195 against Southampton two years ago.

The highest aggregate was 274,612 in 1955-56. Look at the breakdown — Manchester City 76,129, Spurs 69,111, Arsenal 67,872, Newcastle 61,500.

There have been five attendances of 70,000 or more for Sixth Round games since the War, the highest being 76,500 at Villa Park in 1945-6.

BRISTOL ROVERS' much-travelled striker, Bobby Gould, is off to Norway in the close-season for six weeks to coach Third Division club Aalesund. It will be his second spell with the team. He was there the summer before last.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

SHORT BAN

QUEENS PARK RANGERS' midfielder Stan Bowles appeared before an F.A. Disciplinary Committee recently after topping 20 points — and got a pat on the head.

Explained Bowles: "They said they were pleased to note a definite change in my character and only banned me for one game instead of three."

"I was delighted to hear them say that because I've tried really hard to

control my temper and not get booked for dissent. I think I've got on top of it now.

"Most of my bookings in the past have been for dissent but this season I've been pulled up for fouls. Just silly mistimed tackles, really, nothing vicious.

"I explained to the F.A. they were out of character for me and I think they appreciated that."

Eire to beat World Cup Poles

THE Republic of Ireland continue their preparations for the European Championship with a trip to Poland next Wednesday (April 12th). This will be the 15th meeting between the countries — only Spain have played Eire more often (16 times).

It will be Johnny Giles' 22nd game in charge and since his appointment in October, 1973, he hasn't lost to the Poles. In fact his first game as player-manager was against Poland when they travelled to Dublin after eliminating England from the World Cup at Wembley.

Since then Eire won 2-0 in Poznan in May, 1976, and the sides played a scoreless draw in Dublin last April.

So on past form, Giles must be confident of a good result in Lodz.

Providing he has a full squad at his disposal Giles will have no difficulty in picking his team. Mick Martin and David O'Leary, under suspension for the recent match against Turkey in Dublin, should be back. And Brighton's Mark Lawrenson who made his debut against Poland last year will probably continue as central defender and he may be joined by Jimmy Holmes and Paddy Mulligan (right). Ray O'Brien would then be the obvious choice on the left.

The Poles continue with their policy of playing internationals in provincial towns



(Lodz is 100 miles from Warsaw) and this will be Eire's first visit to the soccer mad town that boasts two First Division clubs — L.K.S. and Widzew.

Poland, of course, are Argentina-bound and will no doubt be anxious to get in the right frame of mind for the World Cup Finals.

ALTHOUGH Walsall were beaten by Arsenal at Highbury in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, manager Dave Mackay still managed a smile.

The reason? Walsall picked up £18,000 as their share of the gate money. That's a bit more than the £589.16s.6d they banked when the clubs last met in the F.A. Cup, at Fellows Park in 1933.

It was then, of course, that The Saddlers caused one of the biggest soccer sensations of all-time by beating the then almost-invincible Arsenal, 2-0.

LIAM McMahon is the new manager of Cork Celtic. He's the third boss the turbulent Eire club have had this season.

MANSFIELD club-captain Sandy Pate is to have a testimonial. Well deserved, too. Long-serving Sandy has totted up a club-record of appearances.



● Gaps on the Orient terraces. Would they have been filled if there were fewer London derbies on the same day?



Derby day blues for O's

ORIENT's energetic chairman Brian Winston (above) is decidedly unhappy about the number of London derbies there have been on the same Saturday this season. And Winston believes only a radical alteration in thinking about fixture timing and organising, will stop a situation which he calls "very aggravating".

Winston has a point. On several Saturdays this season, there have frequently been three derby matches in the capital. It has meant clubs desperately short of cash — like Orient — have probably lost a couple of thousand "floating" supporters for each game.

"That adds up," says Winston. "I would have thought the League's fixture computer would have been able to do something to avoid this sort of situation."

Winston believes football is an entertainment — "and if we are entertainers, we've got to entertain the public want entertaining. I believe we should be allowed to play matches on Sundays. It is common practice everywhere on the Continent and there is no reason whatsoever why it shouldn't happen here on a regular basis.

● Former Glenavon striker Jim Alexander, back home in Northern Ireland after a two-year teaching stint in Borneo, was immediately snapped up by Portadown boss Bertie Neill, and made his debut for the Shamrock Parkers in their away League clash v. Ards, on March 11.

THE Grayhound Derby Final at White City, London, has been put back to July 1st ... to avoid clashing with the World Cup. Football hasn't gone to the dogs yet, though ...

"I know it is extremely difficult for the League to arrange all the fixtures so there aren't all these derbies on the same day. It's not just a matter of putting two clubs into the computer — every team in the country is involved.

"But even Rugby League is now being played on Sundays up North — with great success. The working week is still very much split between Monday and Saturday but Sunday is the day when almost EVERYONE is free, wanting something to do. Football is missing out by not playing on that day."

One London derby Brian Winston isn't complaining about, though, is Orient's F.A. Cup Semi-Final tie against Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

As you may recall the match was first scheduled for Villa Park.

Winston, who was very critical of the F.A. before Orient's fine victory over Middlesbrough in the Sixth Round, said: "I'm full of praise for the way the F.A. reacted in changing the venue."

Hard-up Chelsea will take 15 per cent of the proceeds which should bring them a bonus of £15,000. A full house of 55,000 should net around £120,000.

ALTHOUGH affectionately known as "The Whites", Belfast outfit Distillery, who move into their new stadium, near Lishburn, next term, have changed their playing strip to Newcastle United-style black and white stripes.

However, it's not the first time Distillery have appeared in the strip, for the then Grosvenor Park club donned similar gear when the legendary Derek Dougan began his senior career with them, more than 20 years ago.

The once-proud "Whites", who celebrate their centenary next year, may now be called the "Black and Whites".

Another success for Saints soccer school

SOUTHAMPTON'S decision to set up a selection centre for youngsters in London paid off again recently when Steve Neville became the centre's third graduate to step into League action.

Southampton's Chief Executive Ted Bates says the centre is unique in British football with its own coaches and training facilities.

England Under-21 star Steve Williams was the first youngster to emerge from the London centre and Austin Hayes soon followed him into Saints' first team.

Now Steve Neville had made his entry and there's another knocking on the door . . . Mike Docherty. Will he be the next to make his mark?

Paul Wiltshire recently became the ninth boy from the London area to sign for Saints' Soccer School.

Paul plays for Croydon and Surrey schools and is a pupil of Monks Hill school, in Croydon.

"He was with Charlton, Ipswich and Chelsea before playing for Crystal Palace. In fact, Paul left Palace to join us, as did Steve Williams and Austin Hayes," said the centre's chief coach and organiser Bob Higgins.

Both Austin (left) and Steve came along to give their support when Paul signed for Saints. Also in the photo is Paul's proud dad.

"Paul is a very fine midfield prospect," said Bob. "A must for England schoolboys next year."



ARSENAL'S young forward Andrew Chapman has impressed a lot of people with his talents — and this is especially true of his pace and speed.

A regular disciple of athletes, the 18-year-old Chapman helped build up the pace of his game by running. He was the Barking, Essex, 800 metres Champion four years running.

In 1975 he was a member of the Barking soccer team which won the English School F.A. Cup.

CAHILL — PLAYING TO STAY

PORTSMOUTH'S former skipper Paul Cahill is a man with a mission . . . to play his way off the transfer list.

Twenty-two-year-old Cahill, a former Coventry defender, was told he could go for nothing after a clash with manager Jimmy Dickinson.

Cahill spent a month on loan at Aldershot but just as a deal seemed likely, an injury crisis at Fratton Park meant a surprise recall.

He was pitched straight into the first team and "celebrated" his return with a goal for both sides in the 1-1 draw with Exeter.

Cahill said: "I thought my days at Pompey were numbered. Now I'm back, my aim is to play so well they have to take me off the list."

And Portsmouth manager Jimmy Dickinson added: "Paul has shown great determination since he came back. You can't fault him for effort."

TOM'S REWARD

THE vastly-improved League form of Fourth Division Huddersfield Town over the past weeks has had a tangible reward for manager Tom Johnston. He has been given a new 12-month contract by the club.

When Johnston took over responsibilities for the team from John Haselden in September, Huddersfield were without a win and were next to the foot of the Fourth Division — their worst ever position.

In the next six matches they not only recorded their first win, but won three and drew three, a recovery from which they have never looked back.

The shrewd signings of Ian Holmes, from York, and Bob Mountford, from Rochdale, have strengthened the team in both midfield and attack, and one player in particular who has benefited is striker Mick Butler, who with two hat-tricks in the space of five weeks recaptured his best scoring form since being signed from Barnsley.

NEVER forget the person who helps you. Steve Archibald certainly believes in that.

Two weeks after Clyde transferred him to Aberdeen for £20,000 he called on ex-manager Craig Brown and handed him a bottle of whisky for himself and a large box of chocolates for his wife.

"Just a small gesture of my appreciation for all Mr. Brown had done for me," said Steve.

YET another appointment for Johnny Giles. The Eire and Shamrock Rovers' boss is soccer's representative on the newly-formed Irish Sports Council.

Gills Going Up?

FORTY YEARS ago Gillingham failed to gain re-election to the League after finishing in the bottom two of the Third Division four times in the space of a few years.

They were not re-elected until 1950 and then had to go on bended knee to be allowed to remain in the League five times in the next eight seasons.

Now the Kent club are within sight of their greatest triumph — promotion to the Second Division for the first time in their history.

The man they have to thank for this opportunity is Gerry Summers who left Oxford United to become manager of Gillingham in 1975.

His first signing was Danny Westwood from Queens Park Rangers and Danny's striking skill and scoring power have put The Gills on the road to promotion.

SCOTTISH SIGNINGS

SEVERAL Scottish clubs were involved in signings in time to beat the March dead-line. Partick Thistle splashed out their second £25,000 fee this season to buy Colin McAdam from Motherwell, while St Mirren manager, Alex Ferguson, completed a deal with Kilmarnock which takes reserve goalie Alan McCulloch to Love Street until the end of the season.

Dunfermline Athletic did a "double" by signing two players within 24 hours. First was defender Alex Robertson who spent three seasons with the Australian club Hakoah. Second was Mike Leonard, the 6ft tall striker from the Eire club Flago Rovers. Dunfermline are still in with a shout for promotion to the Scottish First Division.

HIBERNIAN have accepted an offer to tour Canada from May 11th — June 1st. They'll play games in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Victoria.

Blades snap up Guy Stoke's big problem

SHEFFIELD UNITED'S recent capture of 25-year-old Coleraine striker Michael Guy could add both class and firepower to The Blades' attack.

The talented, stylish Guy spent several seasons at Coleraine, hitting around 40 senior goals and picking up the top honours in Ulster soccer, including two Irish F.A. Cup medals, in 1975 and last term.

He made six European appearances for the Bannside, v. the likes of Feyenoord, Eintracht Frankfurt, and Locomotiv Leipzig. His scintillating two-goal display in an away Cup-Winners' tie against the latter team, earlier this term, projecting him into the transfer limelight.

As Bramall Lane fans may soon discover, on his day goalscoring Michael can be some "Guy"!

ALAN Durban eagerly snapped up the Stoke City manager's job despite the problems at the Victoria Ground. He said: "Confidence within the team is low and they are not geared to go forward in depth. Things have got to change and I feel that resorting this confidence will go a long way to solving the problem."

One of Durban's first moves was to appoint Howard Kendall as club coach.

He feels the former Preston, Everton and Birmingham City star can play a big part in Stoke's revival.

LEICESTER City forward Billy Hughes must be thinking he's a sort of hoodoo figure right now. Having been relegated to the Second Division with Sunderland last season, he now finds himself plummeting down again with Leicester City.



Up for the Cup

● West Bromwich Albion stars Alistair Brown (left) and striker Cyril Regis cool down for Saturday's big match against Ipswich Town with an ice cream.

The pair look as if they are in the mood to lick the challenge of the Portman Road club and progress through to the F.A. Cup Final.

Meanwhile, Town striker Paul Mariner (below) looks confident enough of the outcome of the clash at Highbury, home of Arsenal.

Maybe he is getting in tune for a Wembley date with either The Gunners or Second Division Orient who meet in the other Semi, across London at Stamford Bridge.



Canary at the Fox

WHILE out of the game through an arm injury, Norwich City's popular goalkeeper Kevin Keelan, here with his lovely wife Sandy, helped out at his father-in-law's pub "The Fox" at Heringham, Norfolk.



A SUPER LEAGUE ~

Once again the gulf between the top half of the First Division, the problems imposed by the League programme of so many matches, often extended because of bad weather, and the consequent strain of players also involved in

'BIG CLUBS WOULD GET RICHER, SMALL CLUBS POORER'

JIM BLYTH — Coventry City

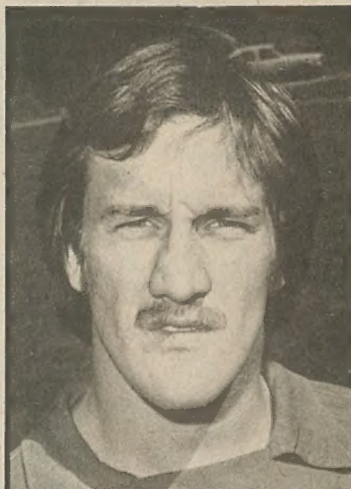
I don't think the Super League will come about, not at the moment, anyway. And the reason for that is too many of the clubs outside the "elite" would suffer.

Look at a side like Middlesbrough. If you assembled the Super League from, say, the top ten or 12 clubs in the First Division, they might not get in. So from surviving on gates of about 19,000 to 20,000 with the big bonus-day when they get Manchester United, Liverpool or Leeds at home, their gates would drop even lower.

Acute financial problems would hit some of the lesser First Division clubs.

It would be a good thing, however, for the players in those top ten sides. I imagine you would have a set-up similar to the one they have in Scotland with the top teams playing each other four times a season.

It would prove very good financially for those sides because those fans would only see the cream every week. But I fear it would just help the big clubs get richer and the smaller clubs, poorer. Big clubs would get really high gates for their matches but the other clubs would probably lose support, especially if, say, one Midlands side from Birmingham was in the League — like Aston Villa. Birmingham and West Brom would be bound to lose some



supporters to Villa's top games.

I do believe, however, a Super League could help improve the England and Scotland international sides. Those top players would be playing only the best each week — they would certainly become even better.

Generally, I feel the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.

Manchester United (in action v. Middlesbrough) are one of the top crowd-pullers.



European club competitions and internationals, has raised the question of whether we should refine the First Division, as has happened in Scotland. Here four players give their views . . .



If a Super League was formed would there be a place for Birmingham City and Trevor Francis?

'FANS PREFER SEEING 21 DIFFERENT SIDES'

DAVE CLEMENT — Q.P.R.

I would imagine the clubs that were in the Super League would benefit from having less matches to play in the course of a season. I don't think it would be necessary to play each side four times a season — just play fewer games. But then, of course, the financial problem would come into it because clubs wouldn't be playing as much and they'd lose money. The only way round that might be if they got much bigger gates for the Super League matches.

A lot of international footballers would lose out if there was a Super League. Look at the sides who wouldn't be involved if they took the top ten clubs at the end of this season. We've got players like Stan Bowles, Phil Parkes, Leighton James — all internationals — and there are several others like West Ham's Trevor Brooking and Birmingham's Trevor Francis. Could you really call it a "Super League" without all those top players?

I think the overall factor against the idea — even though I like the sound of it if I was involved — is the cash. Clubs would lose too much money at the gates. Even in the case of the Super League teams, I think supporters would get fed up with seeing the same sides four times a season — if they had to play almost as many matches as they do now, as I suspect they would. Fans prefer, I'm sure, to see 21 different sides



through a season.

I don't think the thing is financially realistic. The only way it could be made so is if clubs doubled the price of admission. It would work, then, of course, but whether that will happen is open to great doubt.

In some ways, I like the sound of it. And I can certainly see Jim Blyth's point about improving our international players. Overall, I tend to agree with him — the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.

YES OR NO?

'I'D GIVE MY RIGHT ARM TO PLAY IN IT'

JOHN RYAN — Norwich City

THERE is one very good argument in favour of a Super League: the clubs that didn't get into it automatically first time would strive hard to make sure they did win promotion. That would be a very good point in its favour, for there would be a hell of a scrap to get into it, especially the first year.

Even for those clubs that didn't make it, I reckon it would create a lot of increased interest throughout the country. It sounds a glamorous tournament and I am sure it would prove to be that. It could help build up a lot of support for English football in general. If they want to attract back the "missing millions" they're always talking about, this could be a marvellous way of doing it.

I accept the idea of playing each other four times a year wouldn't go down very well with fans. Variety is the spice of life. Fans would probably think the third or fourth time a side was due to play each other — it's not worth going to see them again.

Players would be enthusiastic if they knew they were likely to play in it. I'd give my right arm to do so. And I certainly agree with the thinking that it would improve our standard at the top of English football. It is certain that would happen, and the national side would benefit greatly.

Although I quite like the sound



of it, I can't see it coming into effect — purely because of a lack of support. Presumably, it would need a two-thirds majority to be accepted and if there were only 12 sides in it (and therefore voting 'for') there would be almost as many clubs, if not more, voting against. Therefore, I feel it will have to remain just a distant idea — for the moment, at least.

England (below, dark shirt) would certainly benefit from a new system.



Kevin Keegan was spotted playing for Scunthorpe. Would the supply of talent dry up?

'AN ADVANTAGE FOR OUR TOP PLAYERS'

GARY OWEN — Manchester City

THE coming of the Super League is still a long way off. I have an open mind about it personally — I can see good and bad in it. I accept the problems it might create financially for the smaller clubs; in fact, I believe several of the smaller clubs might go out of business because of it.

But against that, there would be an advantage for our top players. They wouldn't have so many games to play and therefore, our top players would probably be fresher throughout the season.

I was reading a piece by Ray Kennedy recently and he was saying he had had about five weeks' holiday in three years. That's far too much of a strain for our top players and the Super League would probably help change that because the League would probably only consist of 16 teams.

A disadvantage would be that the excellent young players from smaller clubs — like Kevin Keegan who was with Scunthorpe — probably wouldn't be coming through anymore. I doubt whether those small clubs could afford to keep going if the Super League came in.

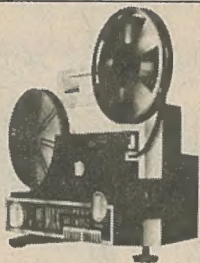
So I'm not sure really whether it would be good or bad. I suppose, to sum it up, it would be good for the top clubs, bad for the smaller clubs. There would be more money for the big clubs to really develop as super clubs — i.e. more cash for better players, bigger wages and improvements on facilities.

The loss of the smaller clubs in the Third and Fourth Division might be a drawback many would consider too severe, so I rather doubt whether we shall see a Super League for several years yet.



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HODDLE: Hello, Roy. This is the fourth game between our sides this season and we're still looking for our first win. It's a revenge mission for us after losing at your place in the League and then in an F.A. Cup replay.

GREAVES: All three of the games against you have been very close but in the two games you mentioned we just seemed to have the edge in the second halves after you were on top in the first.

HODDLE: You mean you had the edge in the last few minutes don't you? Both your winning goals were right at the end and your Cup equaliser at White Hart Lane was late, too. Mind you, our goal only came just before in that game so I can't complain. It's a pity this match couldn't have been the last in the season because then it might have decided the Second Division Championship.

GREAVES: That would have been appropriate because I think our two clubs are the best in Division Two. This game will obviously still have a big bearing on which of us takes the title — and I think it must go to one of us — but with five more League matches to go, it can't be the decider.

HODDLE: I must say we've really enjoyed the games against Bolton. The atmosphere has been tremendous and though we both want to beat each other badly, I can't remember any real needle.

GREAVES: I do remember our former player Don McAllister getting excited in one of the matches but I'll conveniently forget that. As you say, the atmosphere has been fantastic — all three games have been like Cup Finals.

HODDLE: The fascinating thing for me is the sides have been successful using different styles. You've got the stronger side, physically, with a very good back-four, whereas we play more football

BIG MATCH CROSS-TALK

TOTTENHAM v BOLTON White Hart Lane, Saturday April 8th.

'We are looking for our first win over you'
Glenn Hoddle (Spurs)



and have the better individuals.

GREAVES: I'd go along with that. We have been consciously more physical this year because last season we lost matches by trying to play too much football. We tried to keep playing even against sides that were really physical and would end up losing 1-0. Now our manager Ian Greaves has drummed it into us that against sides like that

'A promotion battle, but not a title decider'
Roy Greaves (Bolton)



we have to battle as much as them before playing the football.

HODDLE: I've always been a fan of Frank Worthington. He played well against us and looks to have made a big difference to your side.

GREAVES: He's done very well. We needed experience up-front and Frank has provided that by showing the others how to hang on to

the ball and hold up the play at times while the attack builds. Steve Perryman has impressed me at the back in all the games we've played against you.

HODDLE: Yes, as you know, Steve moved there towards the end of last season and it's allowed us to change our whole style. We now build from the back instead of playing long balls over the top. Those sort of passes can completely by-pass you in midfield. I'm not kidding, there were some games last season when I thought I was at a tennis match.

GREAVES: Perhaps we should beat you 40 love then. Seriously, though, I think it should be another good, close game. There's no chance of us coming to White Hart Lane for a draw because like you, we go forward all the time. We never go out looking for a point... always two.

HODDLE: Neither do we. Our confidence was so low last season that at times, we'd be going into games just hoping to hang on for a point. Now we're even disappointed if we get a draw away from home. Any signs of your late nerves developing again this season, Roy?

GREAVES: I don't think so. The lads are so confident at the moment they can't wait for Saturday to come round. We looked as though we might be in trouble when we lost in successive matches to Burnley and Millwall — the two bottom clubs at the time — but we came up against you in the Cup after that and the success in that tie restored our confidence. How are your nerves by the way?

HODDLE: Fine, thanks. If we haven't wrapped up promotion soon I think there's going to be tension in our dressing-room before the final few games. But we're all really relaxed at present. Assuming we both go up, who do you fancy for the other promotion place?

GREAVES: My money would be on Southampton. They played tremendously well against us at The Dell and we had to pull back from two down to save a point.

HODDLE: I think they're a good side, too. But Brighton are hanging in there, too, and they are not out of the argument. Right now, though, we're just thinking about beating Bolton. As I said earlier, you've got a good back-four and I rate your goalkeeper highly. But this time, I think we'll win.

GREAVES: That makes two of us who are confident of victory. One of us has to be wrong — but let's hope we are both in the First Division next season.



Tottenham skipper and sweeper Steve Perryman (left) will have to keep a close watch on Bolton striker Frank Worthington (above).



League Cup Finals **RANGERS AND FOREST** capture the Cups

Rangers and Nottingham Forest took the first major honours of the season by winning their respective League Cup Finals. Here's some of the action from Hampden Park, Wembley ... and Old Trafford, where Forest won the Cup in controversial style.



TOP OF PAGE . . . An acrobatic leap by Celtic's Roy Aitken during the Scottish Final. On the right is, of course, SHOOT columnist John Greig who could lead Rangers to further honours — in this, his testimonial year.

ABOVE . . . Celtic full-back Andy Lynch tries his luck in attack, but finds himself closely-marked by Rangers defenders.

RIGHT . . . Celtic's Iclander, Johannes Edvaldsson, equalised with a fine header and here "Shuggy" goes past Rangers' Scottish international sweeper Tom Forsyth. Rangers won the League Cup for a record-breaking ninth time thanks to Gordon Smith's 23rd goal of the season.



RIGHT . . . The English League Cup Final at Wembley was rather disappointing and neither team showed their true form. Here, Ian Bowyer, the Forest midfielder, is tackled by Tommy Smith, with Ian Callaghan, Jimmy Case and Phil Neal in close attention.

BELOW . . . Ian Callaghan — as usual — gave a tireless midfield display, and we see him laying off yet another shrewd pass to a team-mate. Also in the picture are Phil Thompson and Martin O'Neill.



Steve Heighway tries a speculative shot at goal—but, once again, the effort came to nothing.

Man-of-the-Match, without any doubt, was Forest's teenage goalkeeper Chris Woods, who gave as good a performance as any keeper at Wembley. This time he's covered by sweeper Kenny Burns and England Under-21 full-back Viv Anderson.



For almost three and a half hours non-stop, Liverpool pounded the Forest goal, yet inspired by Chris Woods in goal, Forest held out and won the League Cup thanks to John Robertson's penalty in the Old Trafford replay.



LEFT ... Middlesbrough's Jim Platt prepares to catch this centre under pressure against Chelsea.
RIGHT ... Jimmy Rimmer of Aston Villa beats Ipswich's Paul Mariner to the ball.



'KEEPERS-IN COMMAND...

Paul Bradshaw, Wolves' promising young goalkeeper, dives bravely at the feet of Q.P.R.'s Don Givens (hoops).





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'I'll take every game as it comes'

In his demanding new role, the Welsh international is not seeking to work miracles overnight.

"It will take me to the end of the season to know the players we have on the books," says John. "I intend to go into everything carefully, and there will be no snap judgments made."

"At Liverpool, our planning was concentrated on one game at a time, on the match we had coming up. I believe in this principle, and this is the way I'll tackle my job with Swansea."

Last season, Swansea missed promotion by only one point, and with 92 goals to their credit, were the highest-scoring team in the Fourth Division. Obviously, they went for goals, but Toshack does not believe in attacking football just for the sake of it.

His reasons: "You play to your strengths. It's no use getting a lot of goals if you are conceding too many at the same time. A manager has to look carefully at the players on his staff, reckon up their good points and weaknesses, and base his plans on them."

"I know there is excellent



Toshack (left) and Kevin Keegan celebrate Liverpool's first goal against Wolves in 1975-76.

potential here, there are players available who can get the results we need. And about promotion, I would say we are in with a chance — that is as much as I'll predict at the moment."

Making the transition from football mad Merseyside to Swansea may not seem easy. But for John Toshack, it has not posed any big problems.

"This is my part of the world — it's coming home, for me. And Swansea are not lacking in support. We had over 15,000 at each of our first two games, against Watford and Southend,

and I reckon if we are winning we'll attract the crowds."

"And I made my move here only after a lot of thought. There were other offers to take into consideration, and I had a two-year contract with Liverpool — there was no question of having to act hastily in doing what I thought was best for me."

"There was plenty of time to become adjusted to the idea of leaving Liverpool, to prepare myself so that when I did leave Anfield there would not be too big a wrench. But I shall never forget The Kop."

"The Anfield fans were always good to me — they are the finest in the world, and I felt I always had them behind me."

And in addition to his memories of the Liverpool supporters, Toshack will not forget his association with ex-Liverpool manager Bill Shankly, present boss Bob Paisley — plus his playing association with Kevin Keegan.

"The understanding I had with Kevin was a once-in-a-lifetime thing, something that couldn't be learned by any amount of coaching. Although Kevin and I considered ourselves real pro's, and worked at our game for Liverpool, we did not spend hours at developing our partnership on the field."

"This was an understanding that came naturally, and even though defenders knew about it, they were unable to do anything to check us."

In his years on Merseyside, John had his full quota of great moments, but two events brought him particular satisfaction.

"Leading Wales out at Wembley, as captain of my country, was tremendous — it's a highlight of my career."

"Then there was the match against Wolves that Liverpool had to win to clinch the League Championship. We were losing 1-0, then in the closing minutes goals from Kevin Keegan and myself, followed by one from Ray Kennedy, gave us the points."

"At Anfield, I was fortunate in serving under Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley — and with Wales, under Mike Smith. It would be almost impossible not to learn something from this trio, and I hope to apply some of it with Swansea."

"In our matches against promotion-chasers Watford and Southend, we drew with each. And I think that on the strength of those performances, Swansea proved they will do well in the future."

BOB'S BACK~playing for his 'local' club

BOB CURTIS, Mansfield Town's February capture from Charlton, was born at Langwith in Nottinghamshire, just eight miles from the ground at Field Mill.

He didn't figure in the Charlton team, so he put in a written transfer request and when Mansfield boss, Peter Morris, came for him there were no second thoughts, even though — in his testimonial season — he loved Charlton.

"I was at The Valley for 13 years," says Bob. "You can't just leave a club and forget them. I've still got a feeling in my heart for them and I still look to see how they've got on. But my loyalty lies with Mansfield now."

"When Peter Morris signed me he told me he was looking for someone to strengthen the defence, someone who's going to shout, and I fitted the bill."

Bob, now 28, joined Charlton straight from school and signed professional forms in January, 1967. He turned in around 350 appearances for the club and scored 35 goals.

What were the happy memories of the Valley? "My second game for the club against Derby when I scored in the first match of the season. Also when we won prom-



otion to the Second Division in the final game in 1975."

At Mansfield, Bob is currently playing at right-back partnering Barry Foster. "I've always played mostly in defence or midfield," he says.

"I've slotted in fine. I'm surprised really how quickly I've settled. Usually it takes about ten to 12 games, but I seem to have fitted in straightaway."

"My immediate aim is to get The Stags out of the doldrums and to help my new club to stay in the Second Division. We're hoping to

climb farther up and avoid the big drop. It's going to be tough, but you're never really out of things these days until the last match, are you?"

"It's hard to assess our strengths and weaknesses. I haven't been here all that long. The defence has performed quite well — not just because I signed for the club — and we operate well in midfield with Gordon Hodgson doing his stuff. Up-front Dave Syrett and David Goodwin do a lot of hard work. I feel perhaps we could do with a couple of for-

ward, but that's down to the new boss, Billy Bingham."

wards, but that's down to the new boss, Billy Bingham."

"How do I find him? He can mix with the players and I've always found this good in a manager. He has a laugh and joke with the lads, but when he says something and he means it, then you get the message. He's not one for leaving you with any doubts as to what he wants."

"It's difficult to put your finger on the changes which have occurred during my ten years. I think football goes round in circles."

Bob was more definite when asked what angered him. "When somebody kicks me," he replied. "And the most pleasing feature is WINNING."

"The fans at Mansfield have been good to me since I arrived. They're a loyal set and they haven't had a lot to shout about, because we're struggling. Yet we're averaging around 7,500, which is reasonable considering we only averaged about 9,000 when I was at Charlton and at one time we were in the top six."

So — Bob Curtis is happy at Field Mill? "Yes, I've always said that I'd like to finish up playing for Mansfield. But I never thought it would happen," he concluded.



Bob Curtis (left) was signed by former Mansfield boss Peter Morris (below).

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"STOP that man at all costs" is still an order given by some managers to their defenders.

It's no use denying in football today there are a few players who will deliberately try to put an opponent out of the game by following straight through with a late tackle.

Fortunately, these "assassins" are few and far between in English football.

British players are often condemned for being too hard, but compared to some of our Continental counterparts we're fairies.

The Italians are the worst in Europe for downright dirty play. I am convinced fouling is part of their training. They're so good at it it's almost a skill.

'Few ASSASSINS in English football'

Some of the tactics they used in the recent Under-21 international against England at Maine Road were disgraceful.

I've played against the Italians at club and international level so I know what I'm talking about.

Okay, so a few British players have earned a bad reputation... but they've never been as callous as the Italians.

What annoys me most, is their hypocrisy when someone retaliates. Go anywhere near them and they'll collapse as though a ton of bricks has fallen on their heads.

As I've said, our players aren't blameless. There is still room for improvement.

As a top-class winger — and that's not being conceited — I've been singled out for some harsh treatment at times. But then I expect to.

Let's face it... this is a man's game and physical contact is inevitable.

The clampdown on the tackle from behind helped to restore some of the skill to our game.

The foul hasn't been stamped out entirely, of course, but in the main it's being kept under control.

The referees have a firm responsibility here. For a season or so when the new rule was introduced they were a lot tougher. Recently there's been an indication they are slipping back... afraid to penalise the practice.

If the tackle from behind does creep back into our game it's the

refs I'll blame, not the players.

You don't have to be good to kick an opponent up in the air, but that tactic can help to win games.

How many times have you seen a forward get a hefty whack early on and then disappear for the rest of the game?

I've been accused of being one of those players. In any case though it's certainly not through fear of the full-back.

Very few players are totally involved in a match for the entire 90 minutes. Midfielders in the Archie Gemmill mould are the only ones who seem constantly in action.

As I've said before, my role depends on the service of others. I'm a winger, so I can't go hunting for the ball all the time.

My goal tally this season stands at about 17... so that's not too bad for a player who supposedly drifts out of matches.



Gordon shares a joke and a drink with his friend Paul Mariner, who hopes to be in fine spirits after Ipswich Town's F.A. Cup Semi-Final tie.



Peter Barnes crash-tackled to the ground during the recent England v. Italy Under-21 match. This incident left Peter with a broken nose. (Below) Dave Clement . . . tough but fair opponent.

a hamstring.

This Saturday (April 8th), United face Q.P.R. at Old Trafford . . . and one of the hardest full-backs in the game, Dave Clement.

You know you've been in a game when Dave's in opposition. He'll give you a tough time, but he's fair. I've a lot of respect for the Dave Clements of this world.

United beat Rangers 1-0 in last season's corresponding game and we drew 2-2 at Loftus Road earlier this term, when I scored two goals, to give one of my best displays for some time.

I only hope I can recapture the same form at Old T. this weekend.

Finally, my forecast for the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

This is not sour grapes because West Brom knocked United out of the competition this season, but I'd like to see Ipswich beat them at



Anyway, I'm getting away from the point.

If a defender has made you the target for a bad tackle in the first minute to slow you down, or put you out of the action for the rest of the afternoon, there's very little you can do about it.

All a forward can do is to try and outwit the defender . . . judge when he's going to strike and then attempt to ride the tackle.

I generally try to have a good run early on to get the measure of my opponent. If possible, beat him, turn him inside out.

It's not taking the mickey . . . it's simply trying to shake his confidence before he shatters mine.

A forward must also go for the ball with as much, or even more, determination than his opponent. Chicken out when a full-back comes thundering in and you've lost the ball.

All good defenders can sense when their opponent is likely to shy away from physical contact.

If a winger, or forward, is getting the better of a defender that's when frustration creeps in.

His team might be a goal or two down and he's being tormented by an opponent in great form. The crowd starts to get at him. Nothing is going right.

Suddenly the forward is streaking past again . . . heading for goal. The defender lunges wildly and — whack! — has brought his man

my soccer scene GORDON HILL

crashing down!

Now one desperate moment doesn't necessary label that defender a dirty player. Reckless, maybe.

Look at the recent Orient v. Middlesbrough Sixth Round F.A. Cup replay at Brisbane Road.

From the few clips I saw on TV, the Boro defenders were giving the Orient youngsters a real tough time.

Losing 2-1 with their Wembley chance slipping away, some Boro tackles were . . . hard, to say the least. Yet, I wouldn't class Boro a physical team.

Orient striker Peter Kitchen was the star of that Cup-tie, scoring his side's first goal.

I believe he's hit around 25 goals this season . . . a great record. But I doubt he'd be as successful in the First Division. That doesn't mean to say I don't think Peter would make the grade upstairs. It's just he wouldn't be allowed the same number of goalscoring chances in the First.

I've played in both Divisions and believe me it's much more difficult

in the First.

Defenders at the top level have to be alert, quick and able to instantly read situations.

With players such as Jimmy Nicholl, Derek Statham, Paul Reaney, Arthur Albiston, Dave Langan, Viv Anderson and Steve Whitworth around it proves you've got to be good to survive as a forward in the First Division these days.

Obviously, there are also some class defenders in the Second, but generally they are slower to react and recover.

Someone said the other day he thought players were getting tougher . . . tackling more vicious.

I don't agree. Fewer players are injured now as the result of a bad tackle, or foul. Most of the injuries at the moment are pulled hamstrings.

Players are better trained, fitter and more athletic. They are able to move faster and so go for balls which a few years ago would have been out of reach.

The more the strain on the body the more likely a footballer will pull

Highbury.

I've a lot of good mates down at Portman Road, especially Paul Mariner and Kevin Beattie.

A string of injuries set back manager Bobby Robson's plans for an assault on the title. A Wembley appearance will be some consolation for all the progress he's made at Ipswich over the past few years.

Orient v. Arsenal? Well, I'd love to say I believe the O's will do it, but I'm afraid my head must rule my heart.

Despite a tremendous performance in reaching the Semis for the first time in their history I can't see them achieving "a miracle" and beating The Gunners. Or can they?

No, it must be an Ipswich/Arsenal Cup Final.

See you next week . . .

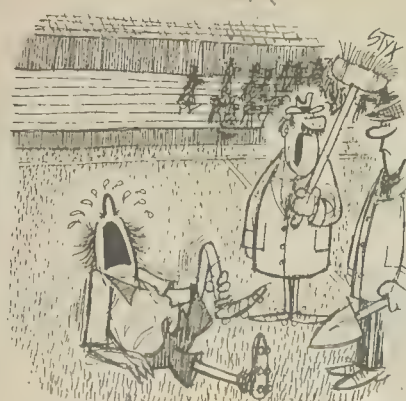
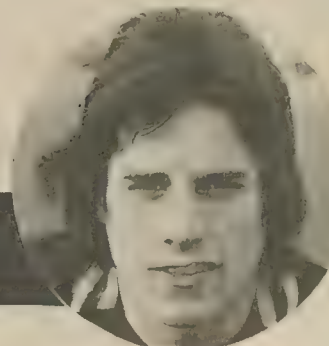
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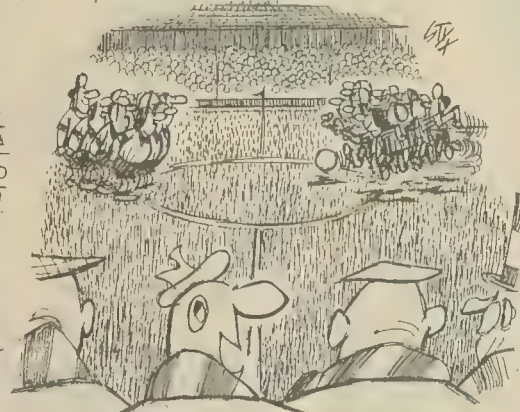


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BAYERN MUNICH president, Wilhelm Neudecker, has offered his players £7,000 per man if they qualify for next season's U.E.F.A. Cup... which seems unlikely. Meanwhile, West Germany winger Rudiger Abramczik has settled his dispute with Schalke 04 and has signed a new contract worth about £70,000 per year.

POLAND have a "spy" in Mexico, who they play in the World Cup Finals. He is Jan Gomala, a former international goalkeeper who also played with Mexican side Atlético Español. Gomala sends a written report each week to Jacek Gmoch, the Poland team-manager.



PRESIDENT ON THE DOLE

GÜNTER SIEBERT has certainly seen both sides of soccer — good and bad. He was a player with West German club Schalke 04 and when his career ended he became a successful businessman, owning a chain of supermarkets.

Herr Siebert became president of the Gelsenkirchen club and found this took up nearly all his time. He sold his stores and invested all his money in Schalke.

Things started to go wrong for Siebert and he was given his marching orders, but managed to secure the position of general manager within the club.

Yet even before he started this job, he drank too many beers one night and started to tell stories "from behind closed doors".

Siebert was sacked and forbidden to even enter the stadium. In the meantime, the one-time millionaire was broke — he'd spent his remaining money on lawyers trying to get his Schalke job back.

Things went from bad to worse for Siebert was forced to work in a factory (see picture) — and now he's on the dole.

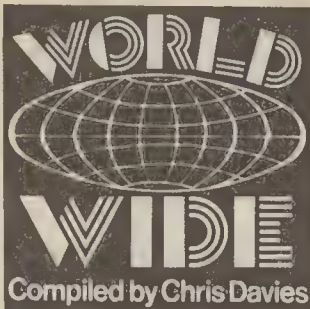
IN ARGENTINA, the Metropolitan Championship got off to a quiet start with five draws and no team managing to score more than twice. Gate receipts were low. Boca Juniors match against Velez Sarsfield took £10,000 and was the highest of the day. Takings were only £1,150 at the Atlanta stadium, where the home side drew 2-2 with Newell's Old Boys.

BEST PLAYER

CZECHOSLOVAKIA manager Vaclav Jezek will definitely take over as manager of Feyenoord next season. He saw the Dutch club in a recent game against NAC in Breda and afterwards was asked whom he thought the best player on the field.

Jezek replied, without hesitation: "Martin Vreyssen of NAC," and this caused some embarrassment to the Feyenoord directors.

They have loaned Vreyssen to NAC because they didn't think him good enough for Feyenoord!



Even an elephant can get fit in three months!

MARINHO

HOW MOST of the other 15 World Cup managers must envy Scotland's Ally MacLeod. Just about every other Argentina-bound boss has problems, while "Muhammad" Ally's biggest headache is who to leave out of his final selection of 22!

Take Brazil's Cláudio Coutinho, for instance. He may have the most talented stars in the world at his disposal, but he also has the "rough" to go with the "smooth"!

Coutinho has omitted the black Paulo Cesar from his World Cup plan, a decision that has stunned Brazil.

On the day he announced his squad, hundreds of fans stood outside the offices of the CBD (Brazilian F.A.) chanting: "We want Zagalo... we want Paulo Cesar... we don't want Coutinho."

Mario Zagalo was the Brazil coach in 1974 when they disappointed many people with their defensive attitude in West Germany. Afterwards, Zagalo was regarded as a villain and quietly left for Kuwait. Now he's back in Brazil with Botafogo and apparently all has been forgiven.

Paulo is very controversial. He's playing superbly, better than ever, a far cry from a few years ago

CATERPILLARS RULE!

SPANISH First Division club Rayo Vallecano have been convincingly beaten by... caterpillars! The Madrid side has been training all season in the woodlands of the Casa de Campo on the fringes of the capital, but they've now changed their training venue because seven players received "painful caterpillar bites" during exercise sessions.

The Rayo doctor advised a break in the mountains, explaining "the caterpillars usually get frisky in Spring."

Let's hope they're not attacked by man-eating butterflies in the mountains...



Rapid Vienna have insured their star striker Austrian international Hans Krankl (above) for £300,000. If he is injured during the World Cup Finals and can't play again, that's how much they'll receive.

Holland — 1978 World Champions

● A computer at the National Engineering University at Peru has forecast Holland will become World Champions, beating Scotland in the Final 2-0, after losing to the Scots 3-0 in their Group Four match.

According to the computer, which gave information regarding the whole competition, besides Holland and Scotland, Argentina, France, West Germany, Poland, Brazil and Sweden will be leaders in their respective groups.

The third-placed team in the World Cup will be Brazil, after beating Sweden 3-1. W. Germany will be eliminated in the second part, after being beaten by Scotland. Brazil will also lose against France but will go on to the third-place match on goal-difference.

The surprises in the first part will be Tunisia beating Mexico and Sweden defeating Brazil. In the opening match says the computer, West Germany will beat Poland 2-0.

F.I.F.A. President Joao Havelange has said he will not stand for re-election in 1982 when he will retire. Italy's Dr. Franchi is the favourite to succeed.

CARLOS MORALES of Ecuador isn't exactly a famous man, but he's making quite a name for himself in South America. He's a fanatical football fan and he's determined to watch the World Cup Finals in Argentina. So he set off from his native Guayaquil last month to make the 4,000 mile road trip by bike!

Carlos is definitely short on money, but he's relying on his fertile imagination to make himself a few bob along the way.

He's confidently told his family he'll be flying home after the World Cup "waited on hand and foot by beautiful hostesses."

Well, good luck Carlos, but don't be surprised if your wife is waiting with a large Ecuadorian rolling pin.



On the outside looking in substitute Marinho (no. 18).

PERU STAR SENT-OFF

SCOTLAND'S World Cup rivals Peru are having a rough time in their series of preparation games against Argentinian club sides. After narrowly beating San Lorenzo 1-0, they lost 0-2 to Rosario Central and could only manage a 2-2 draw with modest Chacarita Juniors, thanks to an 87th

minute equaliser from midfielder Cubillas.

This match had to be interrupted in the 77th minute when a brawl broke out among the players. Maletti (Chacarita) and Percy Rojas (Peru) were sent-off. On March 20th, Peru lost 2-1 in Argentina to the national team.

● It is reported the 36 clubs in the Italian First and Second Divisions are £85 million in the red!

'THE FAVOURITES WILL

SHOOT: Welcome back! It's Spain's first World Cup since 1966, isn't it? And unless Facchetti plays for Italy, you'll be the only survivor from all the players who represented their countries in England 12 years ago!

PIRRI: Yes, it's about time Spain qualified again, and personally I'm delighted. I plan to retire at the end of the 1978-79 season, and this is my last chance to play in another World Cup. It'll be the climax of my career.

SHOOT: Do you remember much about the 1966 World Cup — enough to give helpful advice to your team-mates, for example?

PIRRI: Well, yes and no. As you say, that was 12 years ago, and I can't recall much about it. I was 21 at the time, and it all seemed a dream. I made my debut in our game against Argentina. We lost 2-1, but at least I scored our goal. Then I played in our 2-1 win against Switzerland. My general memories about that World Cup were the South Americans were struggling against the superior strength and fitness of the European sides and, although Brazil produced a sensational team in 1970, this has really been the general trend in recent years. I suspect it could continue in this year's World Cup, too.

SHOOT: Spain made a rapid exit in 1966. Will they do the same this time?

PIRRI: No, I don't think so. We're a far, far better side now than we were in 1966. There's a world of difference.

SHOOT: We get the impression from Spain's recent results you're a defence-minded team.

PIRRI: I wouldn't say that. I know we haven't scored more than two goals for ages, but remember we were in a very tough qualifying group with Rumania and Yugoslavia. There was no one like Cyprus or Malta to hammer a lot of goals past: I think you'll see some attacking football from us in Argentina, because in the World Cup you've got to win. We've some good strikers like Rubén Cano, Dani and my Real Madrid team-mates Juanito and Santillana. And our midfielders — Leal and Asensi for example — are also regular goalscorers. I'm not saying Spain will score five in every match, but I think our counter-attacking style could produce a few surprises.

SHOOT: Going back to that qualifying group with Rumania and Yugoslavia, which was the toughest match?

PIRRI: All of them! It was a crazy group. In the first match we played very badly, and we were lucky to beat Yugoslavia 1-0 in Seville. I scored from the penalty spot a few minutes before the end. Then exactly the opposite happened in Bucharest, where we outplayed Rumania, but Benito and I made a

mess of a clearance and scored an own-goal — the only goal of the match. Then Rumania won 2-0 in Yugoslavia, which made them hot favourites to qualify. But we beat them 2-0 in Madrid, and then came that incredible game in Bucharest when Yugoslavia won 6-4! We finally made it by beating Yugoslavia 1-0 in Belgrade. All of the games were difficult for different reasons, but I suppose the last one in Belgrade was the most dramatic.

SHOOT: That was certainly a blood-bath, wasn't it? Are Spain a dirty or tough side?

PIRRI: No, definitely not! In that match the Yugoslav players definitely stepped over the mark. First they set out to injure me — and they succeeded — then they really set about my team-mates. We kept remarkably cool, and frankly I was



**No. 10
PIRRI
Spain**



ABOVE . . . Spain (back row): Miguel Angel, San Jose, Marcellino, Pirri, Camacho, Miguell. Front row: Ruben Cano, Asensi, Cardenosa, Leal and Juanito. BELOW . . . Spain lose to West Germany in the '66 World Cup.



HAVE TO BEAT US'

disappointed in the referee's handling of the game. Our manager, "Laszi" Kubala had warned us before the game *not* to be provoked, and we carried out his instructions. It's unfair to label us as a tough side, because we were definitely not the guilty party.

SHOOT: You mentioned your manager, Ladislao Kubala. How do you rate him as a World Cup manager?

PIRRI: Excellent. Kubala has a difficult job, like most national team managers, and perhaps in Spain it's even more difficult because of the high number of foreign players in our country. But Kubala is doing a good job. He knows the mentality of the Spanish footballer, understands our problems, and he's boosted our morale considerably. We're all very proud to be representing our country, and he's given us all a new sense of excitement and enthusiasm.



ABOVE . . . Pirri's Real Madrid teammate Camacho has had to undergo a leg operation recently.

BELOW . . . Spain manager Ladislao Kubala (right) shakes hands with West Germany's Helmut Schoen. Kubala has a difficult job owing to the large number of foreign players in the Spanish League.

SHOOT: Are your World Cup preparations going to be adequate?

PIRRI: I think so, bearing in mind we'll have all played a fairly hectic season. We've three home matches plus a couple of games in Uruguay the week before the World Cup starts. I reckon this is enough, because we don't want to give too many secrets away to our opponents.

SHOOT: Talking about your opponents, how do you rate the other three teams in Group Three, Brazil, Austria and Sweden?

PIRRI: Well, roughly in that order, I think. Being logical, Austria and Sweden are the two teams we've got to beat. I think everyone will be amazed if Brazil don't qualify, and we could be happy with one point from that match. But two would be better! As for Austria, they're perhaps a little more dangerous than Sweden. They knocked East Germany out, and they've got some dangerous players like Krankl. Sweden came to Spain a while back and didn't impress anyone. We mustn't be misled by that — their players were just stretching their legs again after their long winter lay-off and we can expect them to have sharpened up a lot by June. Sweden always seem to produce something special when it comes to the World Cup, and we won't be underestimating them at all.

SHOOT: How far can Spain go in the World Cup?

PIRRI: Well, we'll all be very disappointed if we don't qualify from Group Three — probably alongside Brazil. After that, I really don't know. A lot can depend on injuries and simply how the team plays on a particular day. No one expects us to win the World Cup, but I think we're among the teams the favourites have got to beat. We've some top-class players, and there's no telling.

SHOOT: Kubala has used a tremendous number of different players in recent years. Wouldn't a more settled team be better for Spain's chances?

PIRRI: We're working towards that now. Kubala believes in picking the best men for each match as it comes, depending on the opposition. But recently a squad has really started to take shape, and we should have much more personality as a team by the time the World Cup starts.

SHOOT: Will Pirri be playing as sweeper or in midfield?

PIRRI: As sweeper, I suspect, where my experience can count to the maximum. Camacho's serious injury has been a blow for the defence, but we're all hoping he can get fit again in time. If he is, the back-four could easily be Mar-

celino, Migueli, Camacho and myself. Mind you, I've played in eight different positions in the team, so anything could happen! I remember in the 1966 World Cup we weren't allowed a substitute goalkeeper, and if Iribar had been injured I would have taken over between the posts!

SHOOT: Considering you're a 1966 "veteran", you've won very few international caps.

PIRRI: Yes, that's true. In fact I've been playing international football for the same length of time as people like Rivelino and Beckenbauer and they've both got over 100 caps. The problem is Spain play very few international matches, and that's why Spanish players always have a relatively low number of caps.

SHOOT: Finally, one thing that puzzles us in Britain — how come you're known as Pirri when your real name is José Martinez?

PIRRI: It's a little complicated! As you say, my real name is José, and in Spain that normally gets shortened to Pepe. But when I was a boy in Africa, my parents started calling me "Pepirri" and that's how it all started. Now I'm really stuck with it. Mind you, I won't mind if "Pirri" is the man to lift the World Cup in June!

● Interview by Graham Turner.

Next Week
RIVELINO
Brazil

FOCUS ON MIGUELI (Barcelona)



FULL NAME: Miguel Bernardo Blanquet
BIRTHPLACE: Ceuta (Spanish province on African coast)
BIRTHDATE: 19th December, 1951
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
WEIGHT: 13st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: O'Donnell, Cadiz
MARRIED: Yes, last July
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Renault 5 Copa
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Cadiz, my former club
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Paul Mariner, during Barcelona's U.E.F.A. Cup games against Ipswich
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: I played a blinder earlier in the season, at home to Atletico Madrid
BIGGEST THRILL: When Spain qualified for the World Cup in Belgrade
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing at home to Real Madrid in this season's "needle" match between the two sides
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland — it's so clean, and the mountains are superb
FAVOURITE FOOD: I eat anything that's put on the table!
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Football
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Films

FAVOURITE SINGER: Tom Jones
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Paul Newman, Robert Mitchum
BEST FRIEND: I can't really single out any one person. I try to be friends with everyone
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Domingo Balmanya, my manager at Cadiz. And my parents
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Ten caps for Spain
PERSONAL AMBITION: I don't know. My life revolves around football, so it's the same as my professional ambition, which is to win everything
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? It's something I haven't thought about, but probably a career as a mechanic
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pele



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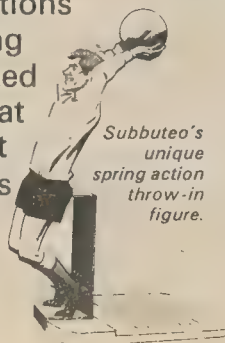
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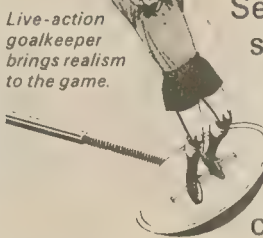
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CLUB SPOT LIGHT

compiled by John Pyke

THE Chelsea directors will not be too disappointed with the club's first season back in the top grade. Careful trimming of staff and expenses has seen the debt that stood at £3,400,000 in July, 1976, reduced — and the situation is still improving.

In charge of this massive operation has been Martin Spencer, appointed financial director in May, 1976, and now the new chief executive at Stamford Bridge.

Magnificent work has also been performed by manager Ken Shellito, who took over as manager at the most difficult time in the club's history. Unable to buy players, Ken has motivated those on the staff and ensured Chelsea will stay in the First Division for another term at least.

Chelsea's best performance was a 4-1 home victory over Liverpool in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, followed by a 3-1 defeat of the Anfield side in a League game early in March. But a touch of the old Chelsea inconsistency saw them fall at home to Second Division Orient in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup.

GROUND:
Stamford Bridge.

SIZE OF PITCH:
114 yards by 71 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
01-385 5545.

NICKNAME:
'Blues'.

COLOURS:
Royal blue shirts, royal blue shorts with white stripe down seam, white stockings.

CHELSEA

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Chelsea manager Ken Shellito (right) was a fine full-back and had played 123 senior games for Chelsea and won a full England cap v. Czechoslovakia in May, 1963. His playing career ended when he suffered a serious injury to his left knee in January, 1969. Ken then took over the Chelsea junior team and was promoted from youth manager to Chelsea team manager on July 7th, 1977, when Eddie McCreadie resigned.



RECORD VICTORY:
13-0 v. Jeunesse Hautcharage, European Cup-Winners' Cup, First Round, September 29th, 1971.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-8 v. Wolverhampton Wanderers, Division One, September 26th, 1953.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
57 in Division Two, 1906-07.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Jimmy Greaves 41 in Division One, 1960-61.

Chelsea 'keeper Peter Bonetti saves against Manchester United during a League clash at Stamford Bridge in February. The game finished 2-2. Bonetti reached a personal milestone recently when he made his 700th first team appearance against Derby at the Baseball Ground.



TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

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GRAHAM WILKINS



STEVE WICKES

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — European Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete)

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Position	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	1 — 12th	3rd	4th	DNC
1961-62	1 — 22nd (R)	3rd	DNC	DNC
1962-63	2 — 2nd (P)	5th	DNC	DNC
1963-64	1 — 5th	4th	2nd	DNC
1964-65	1 — 3rd	S/F	W	DNC
1965-66	1 — 5th	S/F	DNC	S/F (U)
1966-67	1 — 9th	F	3rd	DNC
1967-68	1 — 6th	Q/F	2nd	DNC
1968-69	1 — 5th	Q/F	3rd	2nd (U)
1969-70	1 — 3rd	W	4th	DNC
1970-71	1 — 6th	4th	4th	W (CW)
1971-72	1 — 7th	5th	F	2nd (CW)
1972-73	1 — 12th	Q/F	S/F	DNC
1973-74	1 — 17th	3rd	2nd	DNC
1974-75	1 — 21st (R)	4th	3rd	DNC
1975-76	2 — 11th	5th	2nd	DNC
1976-77	2 — 2nd (P)	3rd	4th	DNC
1977-78	1 — —	5th	2nd	DNC

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STANDING: David Day, Gary Locke, Steve Finlayson, Steve Wicks, Mick Droy, Bill Garner, John Dempsey, Tommy Langley, John Sparrow. SEATED: John Phillips.

SEA



Griffin, Wilson, Jay, Leighton, Clay
Walker, Ron Harris, Gary Venter, Phil
Mouth, Kofi Ghomai, Ray Palmer

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PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes: All records to the end of February, 1978)

TREVOR AYLOTT: Striker signed professional in July, 1976. Made his League debut as a substitute at Newcastle on October 22nd, 1977, and the next week in his first full League game scored the only goal v. Bristol City and followed up his great start by hitting the goal that beat Nottingham Forest 1-0. Born London. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.10. L. App:— 10 and 1 sub. G:— 2.

PETER BONETTI: Goalkeeper signed professional in April, 1959, and is the club's longest serving player. Made his 700th first team appearance at Derby on March 11th, 1978. England Under-23 international with seven full caps. Born Putney. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.12. L. App:— 571.

IAN BRITTON: Midfielder signed professional in July, 1971. Wee Scot who loves to be among the goals scoring ten League goals in Chelsea's promotion team of 1976-77. Born Dundee. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 9.7. L. App:— 147 and 4 sub. G:— 22.

MICKY DROY: Giant central defender in size 11 boots! Joined Chelsea from Slough Town in October, 1970. Born London. Ht. 6.4½. Wt. 15.5. L. App:— 130 and 2 sub. G:— 5.

STEVE FINNIESTON: Signed professional in December, 1971, having graduated through the Chelsea youth teams. His 24 League goals in 1976-77 made him the highest Chelsea scorer in a season since Bobby Tambling's 35 in 1962-63. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Cardiff (loan) 9, Chelsea 66 and 2 sub. G:— Cardiff (loan) 2, Chelsea 32.

BILL GARNER: Striker signed from Southend United in September, 1972, for £80,000. Born Leicester. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— Notts Co. 2, Southend 101 and 1 sub, Chelsea 90 and 9 sub. G:— Southend 41, Chelsea 30.

RON HARRIS: Long serving defender signed professional in November, 1961, and like Bonetti made his 700th first team appearance at Derby in March, 1978. England Under-23 international. Born London. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 557 and 6 sub. G:— 10.

DAVID HAY: Defender signed from Celtic for £225,000 in July 1974. Missed a complete year owing to injury but made a welcome return v. Bristol City on March 21st, 1978. Three Scottish Under-23 appearances and 27 full caps. Born Paisley. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Celtic 111 and 1 sub, Chelsea 92 and 1 sub. G:— Celtic 8, Chelsea 2.



Trevor Aylott beats Larry Lloyd of Nottingham Forest. Youngster Tommy Langley (below, left). Captain and SHOOT columnist Ray Wilkins (below, right).



GARY LOCKE: Defender signed professional in July, 1971, with his League debut v. Coventry in September, 1972. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.5. L. App:— 160 and 1 sub. G:— 2.

TOMMY LANGLEY: Striker signed professional in March, 1975. Scored in nine successive games for Chelsea last season. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 42 and 9 sub. G:— 12.

RAY LEWINGTON: Midfield ball-winner who signed professional in February, 1974. Born London. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.13. L. App:— 58 and 4 sub. G:— 3.

JOHN SPARROW: Defender signed professional in June, 1974, and is famous for his long throw-ins. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 52 and 6 sub. G:— 2.

GARRY STANLEY: Midfield player signed professional in March, 1971, and is noted for having one of the hardest shots in the game. Born Burton-on-Trent. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— 73. G:— 10.

KENNY SWAIN: Striker converted with great success to a midfield role this season. Signed professional in August, 1973. Joined Chelsea from Wycombe Wanderers after completing a three year teacher's training course. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 88 and 4 sub. G:— 21.



CLIVE WALKER: Winger signed professional in April, 1975, and his fast running and accurate shooting has made a big impression this season. Born Oxford. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 11 and 3 sub. G:— 5.

STEVE WICKS: Defender signed professional in May, 1974. Shares the central defensive position with Droy to form a strong barrier to opposing attacks. Signed professional in May, 1974. Born Reading. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— 80 and 1 sub. G:— 5.

GRAHAM WILKINS: Defender signed professional in July, 1972, and the oldest of the three Wilkins brothers on Chelsea's books. Born Hayes. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— 64.

RAY WILKINS: Midfield star and team captain of Chelsea signed professional in October, 1973. England Under-23 international and won his 11th full cap v. West Germany in February, 1978. Born Hillingdon. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 133 and 3 sub. G:— 26.



GARY LOCKE

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug	W.B.A.	A	0-3
20	Birmingham C.	H	2-0
24	Coventry C.	N	1-2
27			
Sept			
3	Ipswich T.	A	0-1
10	Derby Co.	H	1-1
17	Man. Utd.	A	1-0
24	Q.P.R.	A	1-1
Oct			
1	Leeds U.	H	1-2
8	Leicester C.	H	0-0
15	Liverpool.	A	0-2
22	Middlesbrough	H	0-0
29	Newcastle U.	A	0-1
Nov	Bristol C.	N	1-0
5	Nottm. For.	H	1-0
12	Norwich C.	A	0-0
19	Aston Villa	H	0-0
26	Man. City	A	2-6
Dec			
3	Everton	H	0-1
10	Wolverhampton W.	A	3-1
17	Norwich C.	H	1-1
24	Arsenal	A	0-3
31	West Ham	H	2-1
Jan	Birmingham C.	A	5-4
7			
14	W.B.A.	H	2-2
21	Coventry C.	A	1-5
28	Ipswich T.	H	5-3
Feb			
4	Man. Utd.	H	2-2
11	Leeds U.	A	0-2
Mar			
18	Liverpool	H	3-1
25	Derby Co.	A	1-1
Apr	Newcastle U.	H	2-2
1	Bristol C.	A	0-3
8	West Ham	A	1-3
15	Arsenal	H	0-0
22			
29	Nottingham F.	A	
May	Middlesbrough	A	
6	Aston Villa	A	
13	Wolverhampton W.	H	
20	Leicester C.	A	
27	Everton	A	
3	Q.P.R.	H	
10	Man. City	H	

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The game that went on and on

I read recently that a game between Stockport and Doncaster lasted 203 minutes. How and why was this?

JOHN BUNYAN,
SOUTHEND

● It was a Third Division North second-leg Cup tie played on 30th March, 1946, John.

This was the season after the War ended, before football had got back to normal, and to avoid replays and extra travelling the emergency Wartime rules were still in force.

Those 203 minutes were made up like this — 90 minutes of normal time, plus 10 minutes each way of extra time, plus a further 93 minutes' play due to be finished when a decisive goal was scored.

At this stage (6.43 p.m.) bad light stopped play — there were no floodlights then — with the aggregate score still at 4-4.

So, despite all the precautions, a replay (which Doncaster won) was necessary after all.

Under similar regulations, on 14th April, 1945, another game between Cardiff and Bristol City lasted 202 minutes, and that between Wolves and Birmingham 153 minutes, before being decided.

Mullery the first

Can you tell me the first England player to be sent off in a full international?

PETER BENTON,
YORK

● Brighton manager Alan Mullery holds that unenviable — and perhaps rather unlucky — distinction, Peter.

It happened in the 1968 European Championship Semi-Final against Yugoslavia in Rome.

Inside left Trivic unashamedly ran his studs up Mullery's left leg — and, in the heat of the moment, the Englishman took a whack back.

Mullery didn't even connect properly, but the Yugoslav rolled about on the ground with a real Oscar winning performance — with the all too frequent soccer outcome of the hasty retaliator receiving marching orders, and the original 'villain' getting off scot free.

Final victory

I'm a great fan of West German football, and would like to know the line-up Helmut Schoen picked for the 1974 World Cup Final.

DENNIS WILMER,
CROYDON

● This was the side which beat Holland 2-1. Dennis — Maier, Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Bretnier, Bonhof, Hoeness, Overath, Grabowski, Muller, Holzenbein.

Paul Breitner (pen.) and Gerd Muller scored for the winners, Johan Neeskens (pen.) replying for Holland.

Tragedy for Derek

My uncle told me that during the 1950's there was a great goalscorer called Derek Dooley. Can you tell me something about him?

C. S. CHEAH,
WEST MALAYSIA

● The story of Derek Dooley was one of triumph — and disaster.

A Lincoln City reject, he went to Sheffield Wednesday in 1947 — but played only two League games in his first four seasons there.

Then in October, 1951, after a scoring burst in the reserves, he was given another first team chance — and the awkward looking, red haired youngster really went to town.

He scored 46 goals in 30 Second Division games that season, storming Wednesday to promotion.

Next season he was doing pretty well in the First — 16 goals in 29 games — and was being tipped as a future England star when, on 14th February, 1953, tragedy struck at Preston.

With a typical bustling rush on goal, Dooley collided with the 'keeper, and broke his lethal right leg.

It seemed a routine break but, by what the doctors called a million-to-one chance, gangrene set in, and the leg had to be amputated a few days later.

Dooley remained with Wednesday in varying capacities until December, 1973, when, then as manager, he was fired. But he's still in Sheffield, now as commercial manager of United.

SHORT PASSES

● In the first F.A. Charity Shield match, in 1908, Manchester Utd beat Q.P.R. 4-0 (after a 1-1 draw).

(PAUL WILSON,
Bishop Auckland)

● Peter Bonetti has played in seven full internationals for England, and more than 700 first team games for Chelsea.

(MICHAEL BURGESS,
London, S.E.20)

● Ted MacDougall has been on the books of seven League clubs — Liverpool (no League appearances), York, Bournemouth, Manchester Utd., West Ham, Norwich, and Southampton.

(DAVID KING,
Bootle)

● Aston Villa's record defeat is by 8-1 in an F.A. Cup tie v Blackburn Rovers in the 1888-89 season.

(MARTIN SMITH,
Plymouth)

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This week's Star Letter comes from Stephen Bowman of Maidenhead, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

"MORAL"

PENALTY

THE League Cup Final replay between Forest and Liverpool at Old Trafford raised a very important issue: the "moral" penalty.

Phil Thompson admitted he made a so-called professional foul on John O'Hare a foot or so outside the penalty-area.

At the time I thought it was INSIDE, but, like the referee, I didn't have the benefit of slow-motion action-replays. In this respect, one must surely sympathise with referee Pat Partridge who had to make an instant decision. Right or wrong, it was honest and no one can ask for more than that.

Thompson was correct in saying the foul was outside the area, but my point is if a player is going to commit fouls around the penalty-area, he's asking for trouble. Also, O'Hare would have been clear and such a tackle, which was against the spirit of the game, was, in my view, punished justly.

Maybe players will think twice before they start fouling now. To say it was a "professional foul" does not make it fair. It was, perhaps, an unfortunate way to lose a Final. Still, Liverpool pounded the Forest goal for most of the three and a half hours' action and couldn't score, so they should ask a few questions about their finishing rather than criticise the ref.

● I hate to see players hauled down when going for goal — or at any other time. Players are human and make errors of judgment and they should understand refs are exactly the same. Only the ref's word is final.

Fixed?

LOOKING at my Sunday People the morning of the P.F.A. awards I read an article in which Peter Shilton and Tony Woodcock were tipped to win the two major awards . . . which, of course, they did.

I realised the whole thing must have been fixed or pre-arranged. How could a writer be correct with so many players to choose from?

MALCOLM & IAN,
WARSOP.

● It seems remarkable that anyone should be proved right in selecting Shilton and Woodcock. Perhaps there was a leak . . . perhaps The People writer was inspired . . . but to suggest the poll was fixed is a slur on the P.F.A.

No Soccer Chat

RECENTLY I was listening to some boys' comments on how their teams fared on Saturday . . . but they weren't talking about football. Their topic was fighting on the terraces. No wonder our game is in such a bad way when fighting becomes more important than the game.

Yet what can be done?

TONY BRITTON,
BARKING.

● The first step must be to introduce much more severe penalties for offenders and hope this deters other would-be offenders. It must also be remembered that in this respect football only represents society.

Pen-Pal

I'm a 13-year-old boy from Norway and I'd like a pen-pal who supports Liverpool.

BJORN TORE HJERTAKER,
STRIMMELEN 20,
5030 LANDAS,
NORWAY.



John Robertson scores the controversial League Cup-winning penalty.

'ARSENAL AND WEST WEMBLEY

ARSENAL to meet West Brom at Wembley . . . that's my tip for this season's F.A. Cup Final. It would be nice for the public if Orient continued their fantastic Cup run and made it all the way. However, I can't see Arsenal slipping up at this stage.

While I'm sure The O's will give Arsenal a hard game, it's The Gunners for me.

Orient have done extremely well to get this far, having beaten Norwich, Chelsea and Middlesbrough not forgetting Blackburn Rovers.

As we at Chelsea found out, they're well-organised, play with a lot of spirit and in Peter Kitchen have a striker capable of turning any game with one bit of magic.

Anyone who saw his superb volleyed goal in the replay against Boro will know what I mean. Kitch also scored a remarkable solo goal against us when he beat four men to slot the ball home.

Orient have been playing with a definite formation, using three men in the middle at the back with the full-backs pushing wide on the opposing wingers. This means they have virtually three men against two strikers, although young Glenn Roeder is the sweeper and doesn't pick up a player at all. He tidies up at the back — and very good he is at his job, too.

Defensive

While The O's may seem defensive, they tried — and succeeded — to play some good football in the two ties against us.

In goal John Jackson is playing probably better than ever. He made one save from Ian Britton at Brisbane Road he had no right to.

I believe Arsenal will dominate the game, so Orient will probably be restricted to breakaways. As I said, though, they're very dangerous in this respect.

I think Frank Stapleton and Malcolm Macdonald will prove too powerful for The O's, who lack a bit of height at the back. We found this against us and we didn't have a big man to capitalise on it, but Frank Stapleton is exceptional in the air and I can see him nodding a few down for Supremac to latch on to.

If Orient believe in omens, they'll be optimistic. Not only did they beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, but it was at this ground Southampton, the last Second Division side to reach Wembley, won through.

Maybe Orient don't go in for this sort of thing, although many footballers like to look back at what they've achieved at certain grounds before the next match.

Arsenal will be motivated even more by their failure in the League Cup Semi-Finals against Liverpool. The F.A. Cup is their last chance for honours and I can't see them slipping up.

The other Semi is more evenly-balanced. On their day, Ipswich are

**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you



LEFT . . . "Arsenal's Frank Stapleton is very good in the air, as Orient could find out."
BELOW . . . "West Brom have one of the most dangerous wingers around in Scotland's Willie Johnston."

as good as anyone. Their "days" have been restricted this season mainly due to a long injury list. If Kevin Beattie is fit — and it looks as if he will be — Ipswich will stand a better chance, although on form West Brom could have the edge.

Albion have hit top form just when it really matters and new manager Ron Atkinson is carrying on the good work started by Johnny Giles and continued by Ronnie Allen. I don't know too much about Ron, but his previous record is impressive enough, having brought success to Kettering and Cambridge.

They've made one or two very shrewd signings in the past year, none better than Cyrille Regis. Cyrille used to play for Hayes, five minutes from where I live.

I'd heard of him before he hit the big time, but I didn't realise he was going to be THAT good. I bet all the London clubs are kicking themselves for letting a Midlands club "steal" this big, strong centre-forward from their doorstep.

At Highbury we'll see two of the best wingers in the game . . . Clive



BROM MY TIPS'

Woods of Ipswich and Willie Johnston of Albion. Both are similar in style; fast, can beat a man on the inside or outside — the only difference is in temperament where Clive is more placid.

Players like Clive and Willie are very difficult to mark and we at Chelsea have had mixed feelings about how to play them.

Initially we thought we'd let them receive the ball and defend from there, but we were skinned alive. Now, we prefer to push a man tight on the winger to deny him room. I remember my brother Graham doing a great job on John Robertson when we beat Forest at "The Bridge".

Two exciting ties are in prospect and neutral London fans are lucky to have the chance to pick between two Semis if they want to go along. At the end of the day, I'm taking Arsenal and West Brom to win through to Wembley.

Eleven days later England take on the three-times World Cup winners from Brazil at Wembley (April 19th).

As I'm not writing next week, I'd like to mention the game now. While I don't think Brazil will win

the World Cup — my fancies are the Dutch or the West Germans — it will be a big test for England... our third World Cup Finalists "on the trot".

Having beaten Italy and rather unfortunately lost in West Germany, a win against Brazil — especially Brazil — would be a tremendous boost.

Let's face it. Brazil have a special magic in football. To them, soccer is a way of life and when I was in Rio de Janeiro last year I saw kids playing with a ball at all hours.

Until you've played in Brazil your soccer education isn't really complete. The atmosphere is quite different from anywhere else in the world, with drums and firecrackers providing an exciting background to the overall noise.

I didn't play against Brazil in Los Angeles in 1976 — I was a sub, although I did play against them in Rio last year.

They impressed me more in L.A. than in the Maracana Stadium. Brazil looked very good going forward, with Zico making his presence felt, yet last summer Zico was much quieter as were Brazil in general.

Rivelino's passing, normally inch-perfect, wasn't so accurate in Rio and the player who took my eye was a big, black defender who I think is called Amaral.

Brazil say their tour of Europe is necessary to test themselves against European attacks; when the Europeans came to South America last summer they defended... so Brazil say.

Lucky

Well, England didn't play defensively and neither did West Germany. We saw that game on T.V. and Brazil were lucky to draw, equalising in the last minute.

Also, it's asking a lot of anyone to go to the Maracana and throw caution to the wind.

Even so, Brazil's defence will be tested more by playing in Europe. With the World Cup Finals just over two months away, the Brazilians will be looking for some good results against the Europeans, who make up the bulk of the favourites in Argentina.

And England? I hope to see a steady improvement on what we've already built on — and victory.

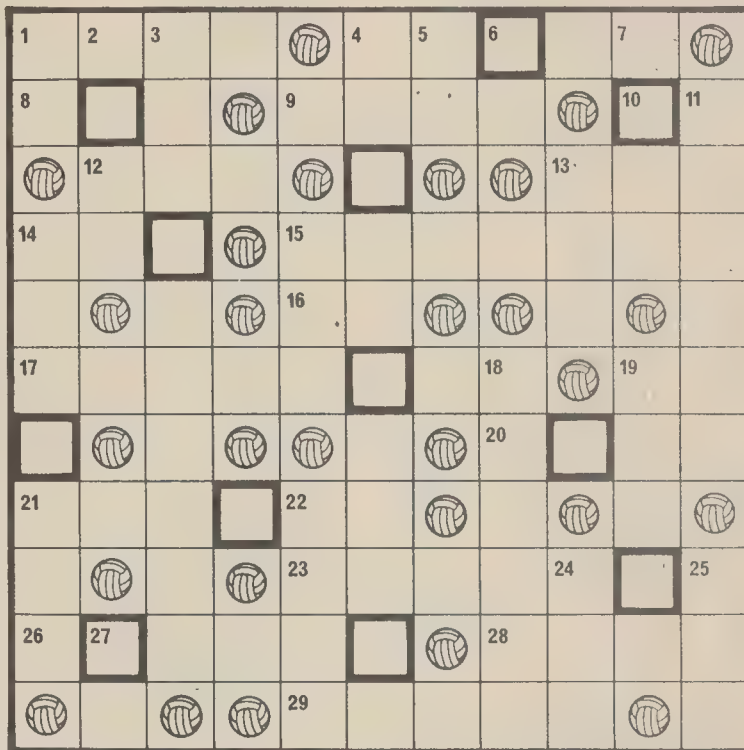
A good performance is very satisfying, but in professional football the name of the game is victory. Beating the three-times World Champions would be marvellous, wouldn't it?

See you again in a fortnight,

Raymond

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Ipswich Town midfielder. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) L-w-le Mc-enem-, Southampton manager.
- (4) Tommy —, Liverpool Defender.
- (8) Dennis -u-rt of the Cosmos in America.
- (9) — Bowles, Queens Park Rangers midfielder.
- (10) Heart — Midlothian.
- (12) Alan Sunderl--- of Arsenal.
- (13) -tair --rk. Ground of Stranraer.
- (14) Frank --- rodus (Aston Villa). Curve made from the missing letters.
- (15) Graeme —, Liverpool midfielder.
- (16) Expression of inquiry needed to complete -mlyn -ughes.
- (17) Ray —, England goalkeeper.
- (19) John --ck of Coventry City.
- (20) Take four letters from Port Vale to give "affirm".
- (21) Highly gifted practiser of any skills — including soccer.
- (23) Opposed to or showing enmity.
- (26) Scottish Division One club from Cappielow Park.
- (28) ----ton from Goodison Park.
- (29) — McDermott, Liverpool midfielder.

DOWN:—

- (1) St--ion Park; Forfar Athletic's ground.
- (2) Space or position at back.
- (3) — City from Maine Road.
- (4) — — Scottish club from Muirton Park, Perth. (2, 9)
- (5) Mother needed at Bra--ll Lane (Sheffield United).
- (6) Paul Mar--er of Ipswich Town.
- (7) Jumps on one foot only.
- (11) At more speed.
- (13) The ---siders, a nickname of Blackpool.
- (14) Applaud or welcome loudly.
- (15) Jimmy ---d; former famous name with Spurs.
- (18) — Road Park, ground of Hibernian.
- (19) — Vue Ground (Doncaster Rovers).
- (22) An attempt to score with a kick.
- (24) Ba---ew Park (East Fife). The omissions reversed.
- (25) Boothf---y Park, Hull City's ground.
- (27) Les Str--g of Fulham.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

SECOND DIVISION

(continued)

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Gould, Taylor)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Kinson 2) 7,520
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bate, Day, Taylor, Prince, Gould, Pulis, Randall (Hendrie), Barry, Powell.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochran, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Tydeman, Brisley)
BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Hird pen., Taylor) 7,496
 Charlton: Wood; Gritt, Warman, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell, Robinson, Flanagan (Brisley), Peacock, McAuley.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherton, Lewis, Radford, Taylor, Wagstaffe.

C. PALACE (0) 0
STOKE (0) 1 (Busby) 14,702
 Palace: Burns; Hinchelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Nicholas, Cannon, Hilaire, Graham, Swindlehurst, Harkouk (Walsh), Silkman.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, Busby, Crooks, Conroy.

HULL (2) 3 (Warboys 3)
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Pearson, Mehmet) 5,095
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Nisbet, Haigh, Gibson, Warboys, Hawley, Lord.
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Tagg, Hazell, Pearson, Cross, Hamilton, Lee (Chambers), Mehmet.

LUTON (2) 3 (Boersma 2, Faulkner)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Buchanan) 6,029
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, West, Faulkner, Fother (P), Stein, Jones, Fother (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Giles, Went, Bishop, Buchanan.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Taylor)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (McNab) 14,118
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Holt, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Gardner.
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddie, Armstrong, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.

ORIENT 0
NOTTS CO 0 5,828
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Allen.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.

SHEFF. U (1) 2 (Edwards, Woodward)
MANSFIELD (0) 0 14,916
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Spelght, Franks (Flynn), Keeley, Woodward, Stainrod, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis (Sharkey), Foster (B), Saxby, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

SUNDERLAND 0
SOUTHAMPTON 0 20,975
 Sunderland: Siddall; Bolton, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Elliott, Rostron, Brown, Lee (Stronach), Docherty, Rowell.
 Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Andrzejewski.

Postponed: Blackpool v Fulham.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Parker)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Spriggs) 5,336
 Carlisle: Swinburne; McCartney, Carr, MacDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Mutrie, Hamilton.
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Cozens, Streets (Morgan), Spriggs, Finney, Biley.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Hunter, Green)
SHEFF. WED (0) 2 (Tynan, Prendergast) 12,395
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarr, O'Neill, Burton, Cottam, Hunter, Kowalski, Cammack, Fern, Green, Chamberlain.

Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Cusack, Rushbury, Dowd, Hadley, Mullen, Johnson, Tynan, Prendergast, Leman (Bradshaw).

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Barton pen.)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 3,831
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Sheedy, Stephens, Marshall, Davey, Crompton, Barton (Spirig).
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Bunkell, Garwood, Rowles, Foley, Allinson, Dyer (Evans).

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Slough pen., Anderson)
BURY (0) 1 (Wilson) 4,892
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Camp, Sargent, Anderson.
 Bury: Forrest; Hatton, Kennedy, Thomson, Rowland, Bailey, Stanton, Suddick, Johnson (Wilson), Robins, McIlwraith.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Fear, Uzzell)
CHESTER (1) 2 (Oakes, Mellor) 5,322
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Bason, Taylor, Austin, Fear, Megson.
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Jeffries, Mellor, Crossley, Phillips.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Piper)
WALSALL (1) 2 (Caswell, Dennehy) 9,536
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Taylor, Denyer, Hand (Piper N.), Cahill, Piper (S), Kemp, Gilchrist, Mellows, McCaffrey.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Griffiths pen.)
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Maguire, Atkins pen.) 3,499
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Froggatt (Cullerton), Beamish, Bailey.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Moore, Leonard, Turner, Keay, Hayes, Irvine, Hornsby (King), Atkins, Loughnane, Maguire.

PRESTON (2) 3 (McMahon, Elwiss 2)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Cooke) 11,920
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood, Hardcastle, Middleton, Fretwell, McMillan, Dolan, Wright (Cooke), Johnson, Hutchins.

ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Finney pen., Nix)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 3,731
 Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Spencer, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Hughes (Walker), Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Bates)
LINCOLN (0) 0 6,945
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophet, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Bates.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Jones (Smith), Hubbard, Graham, Harford, Harding.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Whittle, McNeil)
EXETER (0) 1 (Bowker) 15,317
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright (Lyons).
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Weeks, Giles, Roberts, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Bowker, Holman.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY 0
DONCASTER 0 7,412
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Hinch (Riley), Little, Brown.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Habbins, Cannell, Taylor, Miller, Owen, Snodin, Laidlaw, Bentley.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Showers)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,992
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Butler, Impey, Brown, Paterson, Showers, Shanahan, Lennard, Riley.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith, Creamer, McMordie, Newton, Foggion, Linacre.



Neil McNab scored Tottenham's only goal in their 1-1 away draw at Oldham.

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Sweetzer 2, 1 pen., Darke o.g.)
TORQUAY (0) 0 6,550
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Carlton, Graham (W), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Alder, Phillips.
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Dunne, Coffill, Boulton, Darke, Brown, Tomlin (Lawrence).

CREWE 0
WIMBLEDON 0 1,871
 Crewe: Crudgington; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D), Cheatham (McGinley), Purdie, Davies (W), Tully.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Denny, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie (Biley), Bassett, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

DARLINGTON (0) 0
YORK (1) 2 (Topping 2) 1,965
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Young, Stone, Hague, Maitland, Lyons, Jones (Ferguson), Seal, Wann.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Young, Hope, McDonald, Stanforth.

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Johnson 2, 1 pen.)
HALIFAX (1) 2 (Trainer, Dunleavy) 6,571
 Huddersfield: Starling; Branagan, Sandercock, Armstrong, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Hart, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.
 Halifax: Leonard; Flavell, Loska, Firth, Dunleavy, Trainer, Carroll, Johnston, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Aizlewood, Clark)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Needham) 3,737
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Walker (S), Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Goddard (Clark), Sinclair, Vaughan, Relish.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Hooper, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor (Crosby).

READING 0
NORTHAMPTON 0 4,085
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns (Nelson), Cumming, Davies.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Liddle, Farrington, Hall (Martin), Reilly, McGowan, Christie.

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Owen, O'Loughlin pen.)
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Howard) 1,800
 Rochdale: Slack; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannan, Seddon, Scaife, Owen, Esser, Hoy.
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Jackson, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford (Lawler), Park, Prudham, Howard.

SOUTHEND (1) 4 (Parker 2, Polycarpou, Hadley)
SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Hilton 2) 6,634
 Southend: Burridge; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Moody, Hadley, Morris, Polycarpou, Parker, Abbott, Pountney.
 Southport: Cumbe; Higham, Snookes, Wilson, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Birchall, Howarth, Gay, Kisby.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

HIBS 0
PARTICK 0 7,575
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan (Brazil), McGhee (Paterson).
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Campbell, Love (Craig), Houston, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner, McQuade.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CLYDEBANK (2) 2 (McColl, McCormick)
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Reid, Richardson) 7,000
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, McLaughlin, Fallon (McCallan), McCormick, Houston, O'Brien, Fanning, Miller, McColl, Ronald.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Docherty, Beckett (Stark), Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, McGarvey, Abercrombie (Richardson), Bone, Munro, Torrance.
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 1 (Narey o.g.) 12,771
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock (Dodds), Holt, Bourke (Rolland), Kirkwood, Payne.
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Dowie, Munro (Filippi), McDonald, Aitken, Mccluskey, Edvaldsson, Craig, Burns, McAdam.

RANGERS (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Archibald 2, Harper) 40,000
 Rangers: Kennedy; Miller, Graig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell (Parlane), Johnstone, Smith (Dawson), Cooper.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

THIRD DIVISION

WREXHAM (2) 6 (Sutton, Roberts, Shinton 2, Thomas, Lyons)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Tynan) 14,189
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle, Cartwright.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Cliff, Mathias, Parry (Bramhall), Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Tynan, James, Allen.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRENTFORD (2) 4 (McCulloch, Phillips, Sweetzer, Lloyd)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 7,220
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Sweetzer (Lloyd), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Rochdale: Slack; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Boslem (Owen), Bannan, Seddon, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Hoy.

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Fletcher)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Liddle, Reilly) 3,358
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Lawler, Jackson, Fogarty, Fletcher, Halford, Park, Prudham, Howard.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Liddle (Bryant), Christie, Hall, McGowan, Reilly, Farrington.

SCOTTISH CUP

(Fourth Round replay)

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McDicken)
CELTIC (0) 0 15,000
 Kilmarnock: Stewart; McLean, Robertson, Jardine, Clarke, McDicken, Provan, McDowell, Stein, Maxwell, McCulloch.
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Dowie, Filippi, McDonald, Aitken, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Mccluskey, Burns, Wilson.
 Postponed: Partick v Hibs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Walsh pen., Groves)
NOTTS CO (0) 2 (O'Brien, Carter) 6,783

Blackpool: Ward; Wilson, Milligan, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Tong, Chandler, Welsh, Waldron, Groves.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, Vinter, Bradd (Sims), McVay, Mann.

BOLTON (0) 2 (Whatmore, Morgan)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 20,972
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P) (Nicholson), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Jones (G), Reid, Worthington.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Bolton, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Weir (Armstrong), Stronach, Elliott, Brown, Docherty, Rowell.

FULHAM (1) 1 (Gale)
CARDIFF (0) 0 6,571
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Money, Greenaway, Gale, Mahoney, Evanson, Margerison.
 Cardiff: Healey; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Byrne (Grapes), Dwyer, Went, Bishop, Buchanan.

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Cozens, Fallon)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 5,090
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Cozens, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Keay, Hayes, Irvine, Moore, Atkins, Loughnane, Maguire.

CARLISLE 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 4,563
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Carr, McCartney, MacDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Connymann, Tait, Mutrie (Fell), Hamilton.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Oakes, Sargent, Anderson.

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Foley, Rowles, Taylor o.g., Allinson)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 3,570
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Downman, Foley, Gough, Rowles (Dyer), Allinson, Bunkell.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Taylor, Denyer (Barnard), Piper (N), Cahill, Piper (S), Kemp, Pullar, Mellows, McCaffrey.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price)
BURY (1) 4 (Stanton 2, Suddick, Rowland) 8,075
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Bury: Forrest; Thomson, Kennedy, Hatton, Bailey, Robins, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Johnson, McIlwraith.

SHEFF. WED. (1) 1 (Grant)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Jones) 10,678
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder; Walder, Grant, Rushbury, Cusack, Mullen, Prendergast, Hedley, Tynan, Johnson, Bradshaw (Leman).
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards (I), Mellor, Phillips.

SWINDON (0) 0
PRESTON (1) 2 (Baxter, Bruce) 10,211
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood (Carter), Prophet, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Bates.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 6,722
 Walsall: Kearns, Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Taylor, Foster, Craven, Banton, Megson, Austin, Horswill, Fear.

FOURTH DIVISION

HALIFAX (0) 0
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Young, Lyons, pen.) 1,619
 Halifax: Leonard; Bradley, Loske, Johnston, Dunleavy, Trainer, Flavell, Carroll, Bullock, Lawson (Firth), Bell.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Young, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson, Seal.

HARTLEPOOL (2) 3 (Bielby pen., Foggon, Smith)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Liddell) 2,544
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMorrie, Newton, Foggon (Linacre), Bielby.
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Ford, Liddell, Donovan, Partridge, Brolly.

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Preece)
CREWE (0) 0 4,774



Derby's David Langan played a vital part in his side's 4-2 home win against Liverpool.

Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Relish, Walker (S), Walker (R), Jones (Williams), Preece, Sinclair, Clarke, Aizlewood, Vaughan.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Rimmer, Roberts, Lugg, Bevan, McGinley, Davies (D), Cheetham, Spence, Davies (W), Tully.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Keeley)
BARNLEY (0) 0 4,828
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, O'Donnell, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Hinch, Joicey, Little, Riley (Collier).

SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (O'Neil pen.)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Owen) 1,455
 Southport: Cumbes; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Howarth, Gay, Kisby.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Cannell, Taylor, Miller, Owen, Habbins, Snodin, Bentley.

SWANSEA 0
SOUTHEND 0 11,316
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, Bruton, Bartley, Moore (K), James (R), Curtis, Charles, Conway.
 Southend: Burrige; Banks, Young, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Polycarpou.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Garner)
READING (0) 0 11,439
 Watford: Rankin; How (Ellis), Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Blissett, Joslyn, Pollard.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Nelson, Kearney, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.

YORK 0
BOURNEMOUTH 0 1,531
 York: Brown; Clements; Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Young, Hope, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown, Rutter, Finnigan (Patterson), Showers, Shanahan, Lennard, Riley.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round replay)

PARTICK (1) 2 (Melrose 2)
HIBS (0) 1 (McLeod) 10,000
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Marr, Houston, Gibson, Somner (O'Hara), Melrose, Craig.
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray (Scott), McLeod, Hutchinson, Brazil, Higgins.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONALS

ENGLAND (1) 2 (Woodcock 2)
ITALY (1) 1 (Bagni)
 at Main Road, Manchester 22,241

England: Corrigan; Anderson, Peach, Hoddle, Sims, Futch (P), Cunningham (Williams), Woodcock, Deehan (Langley), Ower, Barnes.

Italy: Galli; Collovati, Cabrini, Galvati, Canuti, Ogliari, Agostinelli (Fanna), Sala (P), Rossi, Di Bartolomei, Bagni.

REP. OF IRELAND (1) 1 (Murray)
N. IRELAND (1) 1 (Blackledge) Dalmount Park
 Republic: O'Neill; Nolan, Devine, Braddish, Anderson, Daly, Madigan, Murray, McGee, Grimes, Lane.
 N. Ireland: Johnston; Nicholl, Hayes, Moreland, O'Neill, Donaghy, Sloan, Harvey, Brotherstone, Blackledge, Hamilton, McCreery.

FIRST DIVISION

DERBY (1) 4 (Crawford, Daly 2, George)
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Fairclough, Dalgligh) 23,413
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Powell, McFarland, Daniel, Curran, Daly, Masson, George, Crawford.
 Liverpool: Ogrizovic; Neal, Smith, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalgligh, McDermott (Fairclough), Heighway, Souness, Case.

SECOND DIVISION

STOKE (0) 1 (O'Callaghan)
HULL (0) 0 13,890
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, Busby (O'Callaghan), Crooks, Conroy.
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Nisbet, Haigh, Gibson, Warboys, Hawley, Lord.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Cooke)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Bailey) 6,205
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood, Johnson, Ratcliffe, Fretwell, Gallagher (Cooke), Dolan, McNiven, Wight, Hutchins.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Bromage, Lamb, Beamish, Chamberlain (Brownbill), Bailey.

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 4,016
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Delves, Giles, Roberts, Hodge, Kellow, Randall, Bowker, Holman.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Pugh, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Crompton, Spiring)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Fern) 4,602
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Marshall, Stephens, Sheedy, Crompton, Spiring (Holmes), Barton.
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarr, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Green, Dear-den, Kowalski.

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Hubbard)
OXFORD (0) 0 3,888
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Jones, Hubbard, Harford, Smith, Harding.
 Oxford: Burton; King, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrogan (White), Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (Dungworth, Bell, Brodie)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Wooler o.g.) 4,632

Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Bell, Dungworth, McGregor (Needham).

Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames (Denny), Briley, Galvin, Bradley, Leslie, Bassett, Connell, Summerill, Parsons.

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Coffill 2)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Butler) 2,663
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Cooper, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Branagan, Sandercock, Armstrong (Holmes), Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Gray.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

SECOND DIVISION

FULHAM (1) 1 (Mahoney)
LUTON (0) 0 7,796
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Mahoney, Lacy, Money, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerison.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, Jones, Faulkner, Futch (P), Stein (Hill), West, Futch (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Allen)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Perrin) 3,712
 Tranmere: West; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, James, Fear, Taylor, Perrin, Horswill, Megson.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Owen)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Owen) 2,755
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Cannell, Taylor, Miller, Owen, Habbins, Snodin, Bentley.
 Rochdale: Slack; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Seddon, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Owen.

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Park, Fogarty)
NEWPORT (0) 0 3,862
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Faulkner, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Howard.
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Relish, Williams, Walker (R), McLaughlin, Walker (S), Sinclair, Clark, Aizlewood, Preece (Vaughan).

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

F.A. CUP (Sixth Round)

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
ORIENT 0 33,426
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew (Johnson), Armstrong.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Payne.

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IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

Colour and features on the glamorous friendly between England and Brazil, which is ensured of a full-house. Players involved, including the Brazilian captain, Rivelino, give their reasons for looking forward to the game. Brazilian team group and Ray Wilkins, of Chelsea and England, holding Rivelino's shirt. Other colour: Gerry Daly (Derby); Alistair Robertson (West Brom), Paul Bradshaw (Wolves) a Focus on Colin Viljoen (Ipswich) and a cover photo of Kevin Keegan in action against Brazil. Features: Preview of Iran v Wales + Four Scotland players — Willie Donachie, Graeme Souness, Asa Hartford and Neil McNab (looking forward to Argentina) + Rangers' John Greig talks about his coming testimonial + Many other fascinating features.

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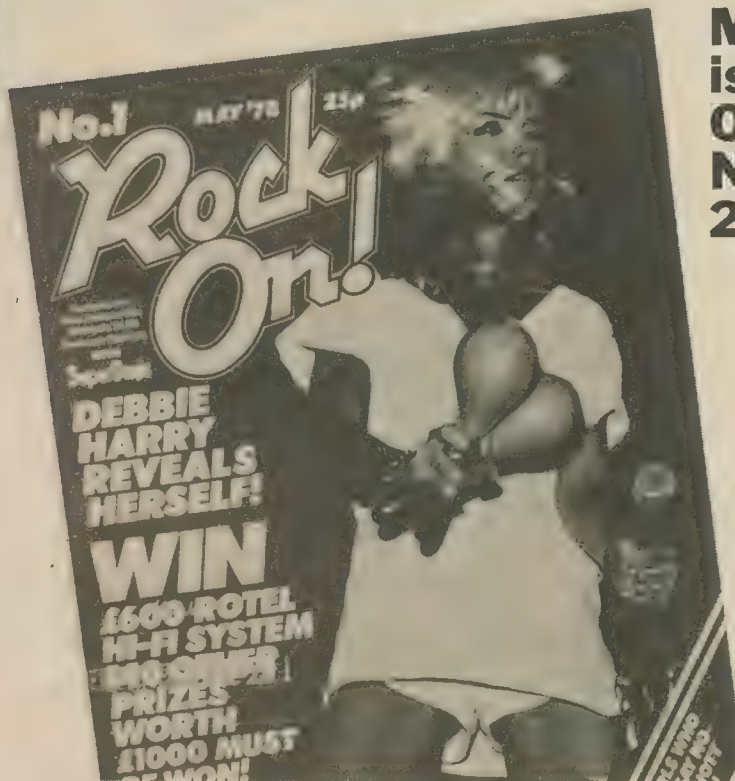
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HIB-HIB-HOORAY



... that's the cry heard around Easter Road these days. And the reason is not hard to find.

HIBS, struggling at one point in the relegation area, are now bang on course for a place in Europe with an amazing return to form. In three successive matches they hammered St. Mirren (5-1), Motherwell (4-2) and Clydebank (3-0).

"This game is all about confidence," says manager Eddie Turnbull. "We have been playing well, but we haven't been putting the ball away. Then we turned on the style against St. Mirren, scored five goals and the boys were bubbling again."

"Then we went to Fir Park and put four into their net. It's good to see things going our way. Now we are aiming for a place in Europe."

Hibs' revival has astonished even the Edinburgh fans, who were down in the dumps not that long ago. They were moaning about the fact the team had sold international sweeper John Blackley to Newcastle and didn't have any cover for the position he had filled so well for so many years.

Fine Sweeper

Now, though, Jackie McNamara has slotted into the back-four in place of Blackley and he is being acclaimed as one of the best sweepers in Scotland.

Hibs have an abundance of good players and it was surprising they were toiling. Ally MacLeod, not THE Ally MacLeod, of course, is not the most hard-working player in the game, but he has that extra special magic that entertains the fans.

And he is finishing well, too, these days to the delight of the Easter Road support. Bobby Hutchinson, brought from Dundee in exchange for Erich Schaedler, didn't get off to a great start as a Hib, but he has now settled in and is leading



Manager Eddie Turnbull (above). Winger Arthur Duncan (right) and sweeper Jackie McNamara (left).

the attack with intelligence and perception.

Arthur Duncan, of course, is one of the most experienced raiders North of the border and his left-wing sorties bring all sorts of trouble to rival defences.

Former Clydebank and Stoke City goalkeeper Mike MacDonald is now one of the most consistent number ones around these days. In fact, the Hibs fans thought their 'keeper would have claimed a place in Ally MacLeod's World Cup 40.



Scottish soccer needs a good Hibs team, there can be no doubt about it. They bring flair and adventure to the game and they are a side capable of matching the Old Firm if they get enough support.

The Hibs fans, along with their Hearts counterparts, have suffered capital punishment in recent seasons. The Tynecastle side were, of course, relegated from the Premier Division last season, but are now fighting well to get back into the Top Ten.

The Edinburgh fans are smiling again. Their favourites are back on course and the rewards will come at the end of the season if Hibs claim a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup and Hearts get a place in the Premier Division.

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PREVIOUS CLUB: Gillingham
MARRIED: Yes to Joyce
CHILDREN: Son, Daniel, 14
CAR: 2000XL Ford and a Morris Minor
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Nobody in particular
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Northampton
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: F.A. Cup Semi-Final with Crystal Palace in 1976
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the F.A. Cup Final in 1976
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Anderlecht in the Cup-Winners' Cup
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and kidney pie
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Fishing
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Shopping and driving
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Good Life and Pot Black
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elkie Brooks and Queen
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESSES: No preference
BEST FRIENDS: Jim Dolbear and Roger Morris
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Andy Nelson, my boss at Gillingham
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Five England Under-21 caps (to end of March)
PERSONAL AMBITION: To succeed in life and to be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a full England cap
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A butcher
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Nobody in particular

David Peach



SHOOT!

THE best player in Europe, according to the poll taken by *France Football*, is Allan Simonsen of Borussia Monchengladbach, a Dane who follows a long line of artists from Stanley Matthews to Alfredo di Stefano who have collected the European Footballer of the Year award.

But Simonsen, who was 25 last December, is one of the youngest players ever to collect the "Golden Ball" and also the first player from Denmark who, at home, are still amateurs, although this situation is soon to change.

As always, the *France Football* contributors who alone get a vote, all based their selection on the limited number of players on view in the European Cup Final which they all see on television at least. This has been confirmed every year, and is underlined last season by the fact Kevin Keegan ran Simonsen close, and Ray Kennedy was also highly-favoured by one voter.

Simonsen first emerged as a player with the Danish club Vejle Boldklub. He had only just established himself in their team when Hennes Weisweiler, then boss of Borussia was attracted to him.

At 19 Simonsen turned professional signing for Borussia Monchengladbach and joining fellow Dane Henning Jensen.

Simonsen had a hard time breaking into Borussia's first team.

Next week Borussia Monchengladbach come to Anfield to play Liverpool — who beat them in the 1973 U.E.F.A. Cup Final and the 1977 European Cup Final — in the second-leg of the Semi-Finals of this season's premier Continental club competition. Here we spotlight a remarkable player Liverpool have obviously marked down as a man to watch . . . ALLAN SIMONSEN, European Player Of The Year.

He made a few appearances as a reserve, but even in 1973 when Borussia met Liverpool in a fascinating U.E.F.A. Cup Final, he could not remove one of the attacking trio of Jensen, Rupp and Heynckes.

Season 1974-75 saw Simonsen make his breakthrough, with Henning Jensen being switched to centre-forward and the newcomer slotting in at outside-right. That season saw Borussia win the West German's Bundesliga title and though Jupp Heynckes was top scorer with 27 goals, Simonsen's 18 League goals were an invaluable help in winning the title.

For the next two seasons, Borussia retained the Bundesliga title, making it three Championship successes in a row, and in 1976

Simonsen was the club's leading goalgetter with 16. Heynckes, injured halfway through the campaign got 12 and Jensen 11, but by this time the three strikers were switching positions so much in games Simonsen was no longer just a right-winger. Indeed he scored quite a few of his goals while looking like a natural centre-forward.

A former Danish Under-23 cap, Simonsen benefited when the Danish F.A. finally voted to make use of their foreign-based professionals. In recent years more than 200 Danes have gone abroad to play professionally, and now Simonsen has 17 full caps.

A U.E.F.A. Cup winner in 1975 when Borussia drew 0-0 at home in the Final against FC Twente of

Holland, but then crushed the Dutchmen 5-1 away from home with their Simonsen-Jensen-Heynckes attack, the young Dane has three chances to steal honours in the near future: in the current West German Championship, in the European Cup, and against England in the European Championship in which he will line up in a Danish team, that will be almost entirely professional.

Simonsen is a real livewire despite his lack of inches. Quick over short distances, he can also sprint from the halfway line and hold off most defenders with the ball at his feet; he has two twinkling feet between which he can shuffle the ball, side-stepping tackles inside the penalty-area, and a deceptive body swerve.

He showed what he could do in the European Cup Final last May when he lifted Borussia off the floor against Liverpool, scoring a fine goal that put the German side back in the game at 1-1.

Speed and skill are two of Simonsen's biggest assets but he has shown repeatedly he can shine where many players fail — inside the penalty-area. There he has both the courage and the skill to take defenders on, and with the ball at his feet inside the box, Simonsen's finishing can be deadly. Be sure that Liverpool need no warning.

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ABOVE . . . Simonsen on the ball against Liverpool's Joey Jones in Rome last year.
RIGHT . . . The dashing Dane with his European Footballer of the Year award.



I MIGHT not win any Player of the Year awards this season, but the way things are going I could be hospital porter of the year!

As it happens, thanks to my infamous injury, I've been seen more in a white coat than green and white hoops this winter. Watch your back, Dr Kildare!

Not to worry, I'll get there. I spent the entire build-up to the League Cup Final with the 13 players who stripped for the Hampden game, taking part in the training and the bounce games at the Seamill Hydro getaway on the Ayrshire coast.

I can't run too hard yet, mind you, but I played in the games in goal or at sweeper, stroking the ball about with my good foot a la Beckenbauer.

They say good players don't need to stretch themselves anyway.

Meanwhile, back in the world of live football I suppose I should throw my comments into the controversy that seems to surround every refereeing decision taken in



St. Mirren (stripes) could be relegated at the end of this season.

tish Premier and the top of the Scottish First Division.

Almost certain to be relegated with Clydebank is Ayr United or St. Mirren... but which club? Ayr have lived with the big relegation sweat since the creation of the Premier Division... and always managed to beat the drop, and St. Mirren only came up as Champions this season.

So it could be the two promoted sides, Bankies and Saints, will be making a swift u-turn. That is sad really, because I feel if St. Mirren can learn to live with the pressure this time, they will finish well up the table next term.

There isn't all that big a difference between the Premier and First Divisions, which Celtic learned at their expense when Kilmarnock knocked us out of the Scottish Cup.

If St. Mirren had cut down on the attacking play and firmed up the defence they would be well up. Mind you, in saying that, I wish every team was like St. Mirren when it came to attacking.

'MAKE EX-PLAYERS INTO REFS'

Scotland this season.

People have never been slow to give their verdicts on our poor whistlers, but there is no doubt about it, never has so much abuse been thrown at the men in black as there has this season.

Everyone has his ideas to improve our referees' system, with the men themselves even asking us to bear with them because they are going through a transition period — too many experienced men retiring at the same time — and needless to say, I have mine.

I don't think it would do a lot of good to have full-time referees, nor do I think the situation would be helped by allowing the refs, as they do in England, to talk to the Press after a game in a bid to explain any doubtful decisions.

In fact, in some cases I can think of, referees would land themselves in bigger trouble if they tried to explain why they gave certain judgments.

One major improvement I would like to see would be the introduction of ex-players into the set-up. For a start former pros would know the con-men and the kind of tricks they get up to.

Players always know when a guy is feigning injury. And we



know too the off-the-ball fouls and blind side tricks that the funny men try on.

I feel too ex-players would apply the advantage rule more often rather than stick rigidly to the book. In fact, that is one of my major grouses about referees just now.

There is nothing worse for players and fans alike than a stop-start match that just isn't allowed to flow because of a referee who stops the action for every little foul.

Congratulations incidentally to my mate Kenny Dalglish who has won a place in the European Cup Semi-Final with Liverpool. And with a draw against Borussia Mönchengladbach, who is to say the Reds can't win the top prize on the Continent for the second successive season.

But one word of caution to Bob Paisley's side. Beware of Bruges who play Juventus in the other Semi-Final. Outsiders for the trophy at this stage maybe, but the Belgians are a crack side. Whatever way it works out, it all points to a sensational end to the season.

And two other places where this term is going to finish in red-hot style are the bottom of the Scot-

Everyone would win prizes then, including the fans.

At the top of the First Division either Dundee, Hearts or Morton is going to miss out on the promotion stakes and although I haven't seen Morton play, I am backing them to come up with Hearts... and as Champions.

My injury finally caused me to make a decision about the forthcoming World Cup Finals in Argentina. I chose to withdraw from the original squad of 40 selected by Scotland boss Ally MacLeod... but I'll tell you more about that in my next column.

See you in two weeks...

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG

NOBBY

THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING WELL FOR ME LATELY



SO I'VE DECIDED TO ASK FOR A TRANSFER



HAVE YOU PUT IT IN WRITING?



NOBBY MUST GO!

NO, BUT THE FANS HAVE!

ABERDEEN go into their tie with Partick Thistle knowing anything can happen.

They have seen holders Celtic sensationally beaten by First Division Kilmarnock; they have watched mighty Motherwell humbled 3-1 on their own pitch by the amateurs of Queen's Park and they came so close to a shock in the Quarter-Finals when they met Morton.

The Dons were 2-0 up with only three minutes to go when they allowed the Greenock side to snatch two last gasp goals to force a replay at Cappielow. Billy McNeill's men eventually settled the tie, but they know they cannot ease up even for a minute in the Cup.

It's going to be a real, rousing tie at Hampden. Partick Thistle have played steadily in the Cup and the game could develop into a battle of wits between old Celtic buddies Billy McNeill and Bertie Auld, two of the players who brought the European Cup to Parkhead in 1967.

Both were taught under the expert guidance of Jock Stein and obviously both have listened and watched carefully. McNeill's Aberdeen have played with more consistency, but Auld's Partick Thistle have maintained a steady progress in the Top Ten.

Two of Scotland's World Cup 'keepers, Alan Rough and Bobby Clark, will make it a tough night for the strikers. Rough, Thistle's number one personality, has been quite superb this season and it is still something of a mystery in Scotland that he hasn't been transferred.

After Thistle had beaten Dum-

Preview of the second Scottish Cup Semi-Final Aberdeen v. Partick Thistle Hampden — Wednesday, April 12th.

A BATTLE OF WITS



barton 2-1 in the Quarter-Finals Boghead manager Davy Wilson said: "He is the best in the land, no doubt about it. Rough, in fact, is the best I have ever seen in Scotland. He has a great pair of hands and if he is not worth something like £200,000 then I don't know who is!"

Clark, too, has been playing consistently. He spreads confidence throughout the team and is definitely the master of his penalty

box. So, it could be a nightmare for the strikers at Hampden, but Rough and Clark will clearly be kept busy.

Thistle's Doug Somner has been hitting goals consistently over the past three seasons and he hit both against Dumbarton. His first is being rated among the best ever seen at Firhill.

Bobby Houston turned the ball back to right-back George Mackie who sent a cross curling into the penalty-area. Somner wheeled and hit the ball first time on the turn from about 16 yards and it simply raged past the helpless Lawrie Williams. A couple like that at Hampden would no doubt satisfy Somner!

Joe Harper, too, is another lethal marksman and his jousts in the past with Rough have been memorable. Both have had their share of success and the Hampden shoot-out should be intriguing.

Aberdeen will probably be the more adventurous side. McNeill will send full-backs Stuart Kennedy and Chick McLelland wide and into the attack, using all of the huge Hampden pitch. Thistle will try to take over the middle of the park where the strength of John Marr could be invaluable. John Craig, brother of Aston Villa's Tommy, could revel on the big pitch.

It looks like being an evenly-balanced game where one lucky bounce, one deflection, one error or one fatal misjudged pass could decide the winners. The Dons, though, could be the side to book their passage to the Final, although it is likely to be extremely tight.



Willie Miller of Aberdeen beats Partick's Jim McIntosh during a Premier Division clash this term. Manager at Partick is Bertie Auld (top of page).

England's soccer clubs welcome **THE BLACK EXPLOSION**

ONE of the most exciting developments in modern day soccer is the sudden explosion of black talent on the British scene.

Make no mistake it is an explosion. There have been coloured players around for years, but only now is the real effect of immigration to Britain being shown.

Suddenly nearly half the clubs in the First Division have at least one black player on their staff. And it's a similar story in the Second Division.

The coloured crusaders like Albert Johanneson of Leeds, Clyde Best and Ade Coker, of West Ham, and Lindy Delapenha, of Middlesbrough, were all exceptionally gifted, and naturally because of their colour, they were always

either loved or hated by the fans — never ignored.

To a man they were also accused of being "soft" when the chips were down.

Johanneson, immensely popular at Leeds where he was known as the "Black Flash", was perhaps the most successful of the early coloured players. He scored nearly 50 goals, but sadly for him had a "stinker" against Liverpool in the 1965 F.A. Cup Final and was never the same player again.

Best burst on the scene in a blaze of publicity, scoring some sensational goals for West Ham, and threatening to be the first really great coloured player in this country.

His colossal power was awesome to defences at first, but once sides had learned the way to con-



One of the first black footballers to appear in the Football League was West Ham's Clyde Best (left).



Vince Hilaire of Crystal Palace (right). England Under-21 star Laurie Cunningham (below) goes close against Italy.



tain him Clyde had no answer and drifted into oblivion.

Today, he is in America, after a spell in Dutch football, playing for Feyenoord.

So what of today's black hopefuls? Will they also fade from the scene as quickly as they arrived?

Well there are hopeful signs that boys like Viv Anderson, of Nottingham Forest, and Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis, of West Brom, are made of sterner stuff than their predecessors.

Men like Brian Clough, at Forest and Ronnie Allen, manager at West Brom until his move to Saudi Arabia, have been quick to point out all these boys are quiet, level-headed and single-minded in their ambition to succeed.

Because of the growing band of

coloured players they no longer feel odd men out like they used to and even the fans are treating them a little more sympathetically — probably because they've got a coloured player in their own side.

Clubs like West Brom, Luton, Millwall, Leicester, Orient and Bradford City have more than one black player on the pay-roll and the trend is bound to continue.

Some, like Wolverhampton Wanderers giant defender Bob Hazell, who was sent-off at Arsenal recently, still become incensed by derogatory comments about the colour of their skin, but most have learned to bite their lips nowadays.

Regis, with a series of blistering displays for Albion, Cunningham with his dazzling speed and footwork, and Anderson, the most improved full-back in the First Division, have been singled out for the most praise.

There have been a number of suggestions that Anderson or Cunningham will be the first black player to gain a full England cap.

Regis, born in French Guyana, is apparently under the scrutiny of the French selectors with a view to playing in this year's World Cup Finals in Argentina.

But there are several more coloured players ready to break through into the big time and who's to say which of them will be

first to pull on that coveted white jersey?

Ricky Hill, of Luton, is another to have caught the eye of England manager Ron Greenwood, and to keep him company at Kenilworth Road, he now has promising pals like Brian Stein, Godfrey Ingram, Tim Smith, Tony Wilkinson and Les Harriet — all coloured — and all heading for the top.

Across at Millwall in the East End of London, Millwall are delighted with the boys they unearthed at Epsom and Ewell, Phil Walker and Trevor Lee, while Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables compares his own "Black

Pearl" Vince Hilaire with George Best.

He says: "Vince has a combination of power and balance I have only seen in one white player — Best. He gets tackled and begins to stumble. You think he is going over but he stays on his feet."

Venables points out the new breed of black footballer is acclimatised to both the weather and the physical demands of British football.

"They often have natural speed and control that white players lack, and there is no doubt they will exert greater influence on our game in the future."

Strangely, West Ham, who were the first London club to introduce coloured players such as Best, Coker and the Charles brothers John and Clive, now have none on their payroll, but only a few miles away Orient has become their number one home.

Keen to follow in the footsteps of Laurie Cunningham are John Chiedoie, who was showing splendid form until breaking a leg, Kevin Godfrey, Tanji Banjo (they're all wingers) Bobby Fisher and Henry Hughton.

Manager Jimmy Bloomfield says: "They have faults — but no more, nor less than white players. They have a co-ordination of mind and muscle which is a joy to watch."

Who knows perhaps one day we'll have an "All Blacks" team playing matches in England!

Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield and his young winger Kevin Godfrey.



Luton's Ricky Hill (main picture) beats Steve Waddington of Stoke during a League clash this term. Swindon Town's Chris Kamara (above).



'FOOTBALL '78'

In January, SHOOT magazine presented a free collector's album and packets of stickers for the Figurine Panini collection entitled "Football '78".

The success of this album has been so outstanding that availability in some areas may have been affected. Minicards Ltd., the publishers of Figurine Panini stickers, want to reassure all their loyal collectors that supplies of albums and stickers for this collection have never been discontinued, and they will not be until all demand has been satisfied.

We have heard rumours have spread around about the collection being withdrawn. These are totally unfounded, and we would like your co-operation in reporting direct to Minicards Ltd the source of any such statements.

So please try again at your local newsagent — albums and stickers should be available now.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. The Football League Cup Final was played on March 18th. Who came on as a substitute in the first game at Wembley for (a) Ray Kennedy of Liverpool, (b) John McGovern of Nottingham Forest and (c) since the Final was moved to Wembley Stadium in the 1966-67 season, was this the second, third or fourth one to go to a replay?

2. Another League Cup Final was played on the same day. In Scotland, Rangers beat Celtic 2-1 after extra-time at Hampden Park. Did Johannes Edvaldsson score the first goal of the game for the Parkhead club or did the Icelandic international grab the equaliser for The Celts in the last five minutes of normal time?

3. Former Tottenham Hotspur and England favourite Martin Chivers (right), presently playing for Servette Geneva in Switzerland, was recently strongly linked with Ipswich Town, Norwich City or Blackpool?



4. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name and club of one of the top goalscorers in the Football League ... IIXED cLNMIIE (XMWHAER).

5. Mick Ferguson, Dario Gradi and Mike Summerbee are managers of Fourth Division clubs. Which one is in charge of (a) Wimbledon, (b) Stockport County and (c) Rochdale?

6. In which season did Derby County (First), Manchester United (Second), Blackburn Rovers (Third), Mansfield Town (Fourth) and Rangers (Scottish First) win their respective Division Championships?

7. Bobby Bolder has been playing in goal for which Third Division club this season?

8. Bristol City and Chelsea played a First Division game at Ashton Gate on March 21st. It finished 3-0 to City with both sides reduced to ten men. Can you name the two players who were sent-off?

9. Birmingham City supporters were in the news recently. Why?

10. Malcolm Allison returned to Plymouth Argyle as consultant-manager. It is his second spell at Home Park. He first took over the hot seat there in May, 1964, 1965 or 1966?

ANSWERS

1. (a) David Fairclough, (b) John O'Hare, (c) second, 2. The equaliser, 3. Norwich City, 4. Dixie McNeill (Wrexham), 5. (a) Dario Gradi, (b) Mike Summerbee, (c) Mick Ferguson, 6. 1974-75, 7. Sheffield Wednesday, 8. Trevor Fainton of Bristol City and Chelsea's Mickey Droy, 9. They had planned a mass walk-out during their League clash with Arsenal as a protest against the Birmingham board of directors, 10. May, 1964.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Army, (4) Smith, (8) Tea, (9) Stan, (10) Of, (12) And, (13) Spa, (14) Arc, (15) Souness, (16) Eh, (17) Clemence, (19) Bo, (20) Aver, (21) Artist, (23) Hostile, (26) Morton, (28) Ever, (29) Terry

DOWN:— (1) At, (2) Rear, (3) Manchester, (4) St. Johnstone, (5) Ma, (6) In, (7) Hops, (11) Foster, (13) Sea, (14) Acclaim, (15) Sea, (18) Easter, (19) Belle, (22) Shot, (24) Ivy, (25) Err, (27) On.

Jumbled Name: COLIN VILJOEN

YOU ARE THE REF



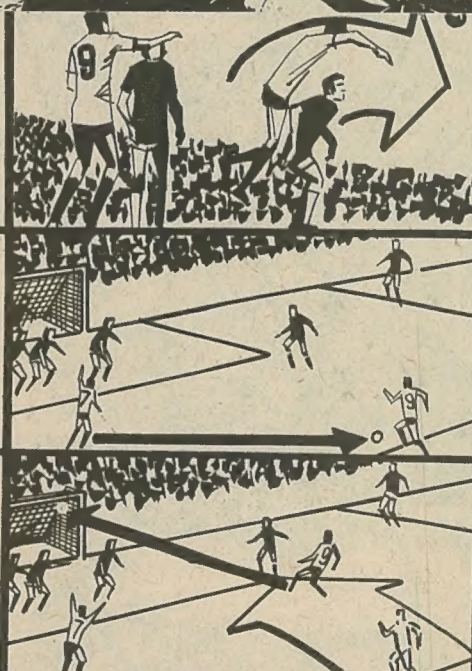
1. A linesman signals for offside just before the ball is headed into the goal. You are satisfied the scorer was not offside and award a goal. The linesman then points to another attacker, who you did not see, standing beside a post. You realise the linesman was correct. Do you (a) confirm the goal, (b) award a free-kick or (c) award a goal-kick?



2. A: When inside his own penalty-area, a defender obstructs the path of an attacker by stooping as the attacker attempts to head the ball. The attacker falls and you award an indirect free-kick.

B: At the free-kick, instead of playing the ball forward, the kicker passes it back to a teammate outside the penalty-area.

C: The second attacker kicks the ball directly into the goal i.e. the ball is not touched by another player. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?).

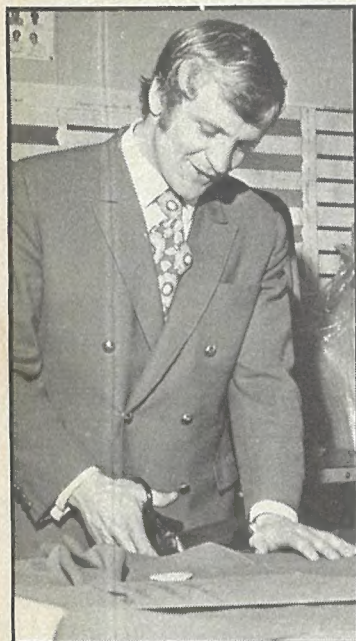


ANSWERS

1. Award a free-kick (b) because the match has not restarted i.e. kicked-off again. 2. The problem is in A. The offside is not obstruction but tripping an opponent. The correct decision is in C the goal award is correct because two players have touched the ball before it entered the goal — the kicker and the scorer.

NOT many footballers drive around in the silent luxury of a Rolls. Or a Mercedes. Or a Jaguar XJ6. But some do; and keep on making money.

These are the Midas men of football — players who seem to have the knack of making everything they touch turn to gold. A few



could be classed as millionaires and, of course, are well into the surtax bracket.

How did they do it? By using their in-built business acumen to invest their football earnings and not fritter it away on gambling or living it up in night clubs.

Take Frannie Lee, former England striker who called it a day at Derby County two years ago. He has a paper-conversion mill on the outskirts of Bolton.

The firm of Francis H. Lee Ltd makes everything from toilet rolls, paper towels for the kitchen to tissues for people who may have a cold.

Six years ago the firm had four people on its payroll. Now it has more than 80. And the chairman and managing director is Frannie Lee.

"The only way to make money is to work for it; the harder you work, the more you'll make," says Lee. "Even when I was playing football I worked very hard at the factory three days a week. Once during my playing days I had to take a rest cure because I was so exhausted."

Starting in waste paper, Lee was concerned the big companies would make a take-over bid. To prevent this he moved into manufacturing. His two brothers and sister work in the company. But it belongs to Lee.

Class him a millionaire

DEFENDER Jim Brogan, who moved to Coventry on a free transfer from Celtic two years ago and returned to Scotland on a free at the end of last season, is said to cry all the way to the bank. Tears of joy.

He is reputed to be the wealthiest footballer in Britain. No one appears to disagree, but Brogan doesn't talk about it.

But the opulence is obvious. He arrived at Coventry in an immaculate Rolls. A few weeks later he changed it for a Mercedes.

His Merc was equipped with a telephone to enable him to keep in touch with his business interests in Scotland. His money has been made from garages, hotels and houses.



WHO WANTS TO BE A MIEEIONAIRE?

Class him a millionaire

TOMMY Younger, who kept goal for Liverpool and Scotland, is now a director of his former Scottish club, Hibs. The money has been rolling his way for years.

He is in the vending machine line and sources in the Edinburgh area say he is a big-time operator in one-armed bandits. He's hit the jackpot... and every line is a winner.

His big loss was when Liverpool were beaten by Southern League Worcester City in an F.A. Cup replay. Tommy hasn't had many losses since.



Many ex-players have this ambition and for a chosen few it becomes a reality.

Class him a millionaire

HEADING for a similar qualification is Mike Doyle of Manchester City. He has a staff of more than 20 on his two ever-expanding garage businesses. He also owns houses and flats.

Doyle advises: "Players should not think their name is enough to build a business. They should seek expert advice and find a good accountant. The money needed for their services will be well invested."



Class him a millionaire

THE lucky break for Dave Whelan came when he broke a leg for Blackburn Rovers (below) against Wolves in the 1960 F.A. Cup Final. He tried a comeback but never made it and finished with Crewe.

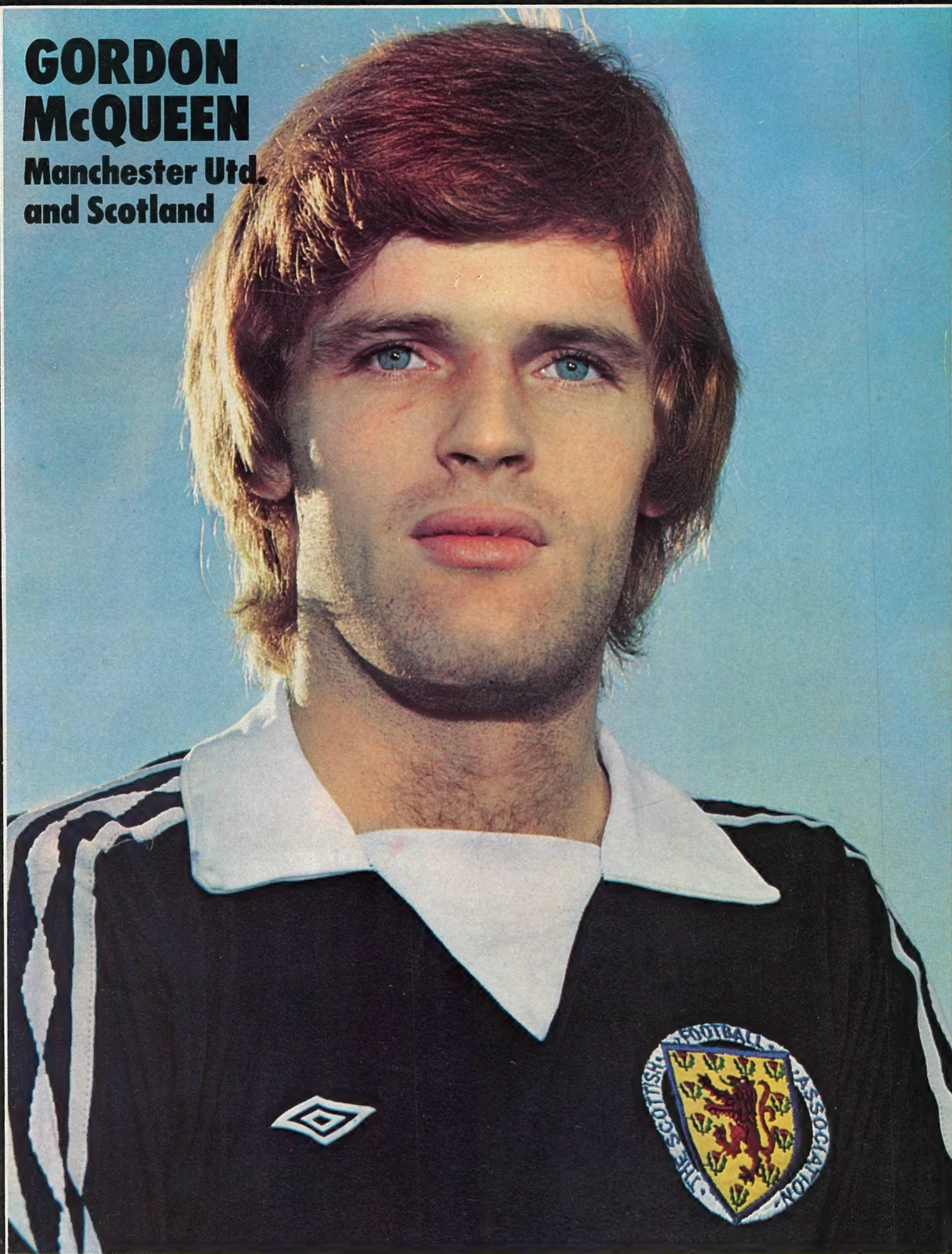
Change at Crewe? Whelan did so. He started out with a market stall. Until recently he owned a chain of supermarkets, which he sold for over £1,000,000.

Whelan drives a Rolls and lives in a large house in the country. In that Blackburn team in the Cup Final was Scotland manager Ally MacLeod. He has a wealth of talent. Whelan has more wealth, moneywise.



GORDON McQUEEN

Manchester Utd.
and Scotland



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